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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Yemen And Aden

THE long-standing struggle between the British protectorate of Aden and the Arab kingdom of the Yemen has jumped back into prominence in the troubled Middle East. The dispute, mainly concerning border demarcation, has smouldered on for years; now it appears to be near flash-point again, this time against the new Middle East context of the Anglo-French Suez invasion, the United Nations intervention and the "Eisenhower doctrine."

The history of the protectorate and the Yemen is a continuous one of border strife principally stimulated by Yemeni claims to much of Aden on historical grounds. It was not until 1934 that Yemeni raids on the protectorate ceased with the signing of a peace treaty with Britain.

But her claims have assumed a different aspect since she joined with Saudi Arabia and Egypt in 1956 in a five-year military alliance and joint military command. Moreover, since becoming a member of the Arab League in 1946 the Yemen has enjoyed consistent Arab backing in her charges against Britain.

THERE have been manifold signs that the Yemen has identified herself with the move made by other Arab countries in the Middle East to become associated with the Soviet bloc by receiving from it military equipment and other forms of aid. Significantly, following the visit to Moscow last June of the Yemeni Crown Prince, Czechoslovakian-made artillery and anti-aircraft guns arrived in considerable quantities in the Yemen.

It was after this deal that the propaganda conspiracy between the Yemen and the Arab League began to manifest itself, culminating a few weeks ago with the League charging that Britain was threatening the Yemen by massing large concentrations of troops, tanks, armoured cars and jet aircraft in Aden. The allegation was also made that Britain intended to strangle the Yemen economy through her control of Aden which is the Yemen's main channel for world trade.

The more recent history of the Yemen is typical of developments in other Middle East Arab states. Since 1918 the country has been an independent state having previously been part of the Turkish empire. Virtually all power in the land is centred in the monarch, though over the years the Imam broadened his Cabinet and created an Advisory Council. It was the Council which in 1955 became the Council which over the Imam's personal administration of the country and attempted to overthrow him. The incident served to spur the Yemeni Cabinet towards strengthening their position by a closer alliance with extremist members of the Arab League.

BY contrast the protectorate of Aden has long sought Western protection from its neighbouring tribes which has been given in the form of defensive military equipment. The political situation however has for some time been unstable in the protectorate—a situation principally created by the infiltration of agents provocateur and by propaganda emanating from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the Yemen and Syria.

Exploitation of the traditional enmity between the Yemen and the protectorate by Arab propaganda has been intensified during the past twelve months, but a more direct threat to the security of the protectorate is the foreign aid which has been and is being given to the border tribesmen.

The situation has undoubtedly become dangerously explosive and might well be manipulated by the Communists to fire more widespread disturbances in the Middle East.

# ASSASSINATION PLOT SHOCK

## Police Foil Plan To Shoot Governor Of Northern Rhodesia

### AFRICAN SOLDIER UNDER ARREST

Lusaka, Jan. 8. A plot to assassinate the Governor of Northern Rhodesia, Sir Arthur Benson, has been uncovered by Security Police, according to reports tonight.

The reports said the plotters apparently aimed to get a sentry outside Government House in Lusaka to shoot the Governor as he passed through the gates of his residence.

An anonymous letter received by the Government in week ago said that the Governor was to be shot on the night of his arrival in the Rhodesias two weeks ago.

### Handwriting Traced

Sir Arthur Benson, who is 49, has been Governor of Northern Rhodesia since 1954. Handwriting experts traced the letter to a soldier of the first battalion, Northern Rhodesia Regiment, based at barracks in Lusaka.

A private has been placed under close arrest pending conclusion of an investigation.

The Government confirmed the facts of the plot today.

No charges have yet been preferred against the soldier.

### Governor Accused

Sir Arthur Benson accompanied Mr. Lennox-Boyd during his visit to Northern Rhodesia from December 29 until he left for Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, yesterday. The British minister is on a three-week tour of the Central African Federation, formed by the Rhodesias and Nyasaland.

The Governor and Mr. Lennox-Boyd held talks four days ago with trade union and management officials on industrial unrest over the last year in the Northern Rhodesian copperbelt.

Mr. Harry Nkumbula, leader of the African National Congress, asked Mr. Lennox-Boyd on December 31 to recall the Governor.

He contended that Sir Arthur Benson spoke as a European settler rather than representative of the crown and "would like to rule this territory himself."

### On Churchill's Staff

Sir Arthur Benson was born in Johannesburg, the son of an Irish vicar who settled in South Africa. He has spent most of his life in the Colonial Service.

However, he served on Sir (then Mr.) Winston Churchill's staff in London during World War II.—Reuter.

### GIs CLAIM BACKPAY

Washington, Jan. 8. Three former American soldiers who refused repatriation after being taken prisoner in Korea, taking refuge instead in China, today claimed \$5,000 back-pay each from the United States army for the period of their absence.

When the three men, former Corporal Lewis Griggs, William Cowart and Otto Bell, eventually returned as civilians to the United States, the Army authorities brought proceedings against them which were dismissed.—France-Press.

### Dulles' Hope

Washington, Jan. 8. Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, said today he hopes that President Eisenhower's Middle East proposals will be approved by Congress by the end of the month.

Mr. Dulles made this statement to reporters after attending a private meeting of the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives.—Reuter.

## Queen Told Of Ministerial Changes

London, Jan. 8. Sir Anthony Eden went to Sandringham on Tuesday to tell the Queen that he intends to announce ministerial changes in the next few days, writes the Daily

Express political correspondent Derek Marks. It is known, says Marks, that Sir Walter Monckton, the Paymaster-General, is anxious to assume one of the senior legal posts. There is at the same time,

Marks adds, growing criticism of both Aubrey Jones, Minister of Fuel, and Harold Watkinson, Minister of Transport as a result of the petrol rationing scheme.—London Express Service.

## United Nations Call For Free All-Korea Elections

New York, Jan. 8. The Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today called for free elections throughout Korea under U.N. supervision.

### POLISH MISSION TO GO TO U.S.

Washington, Jan. 8. The United States Government would view with approval the visit of a Polish economic mission to the United States, the State Department spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the Polish Government had suggested the sending of such a mission. However, the U.S. Government had not made any final decision on the date for the visit, the spokesman said.

He said the purpose of the Polish economic mission would be to continue the negotiations begun with the granting of export licenses to Poland for the purchase in dollars of American surplus farm products.

The spokesman said the present contacts between Washington and Warsaw were through the normal diplomatic channels and with the Polish Foreign Ministry.

He said the American Government was now considering accepting payment in Polish currency.—France-Press.

## Big Round-Up In Casbah: 300 Arrested

Algiers, Jan. 8. A strong detachment of French Army paratroops and police today carried out an intensive search of the Algiers Casbah, the Moslem quarter of the city, arresting about 300 people and killing one man who sought to flee.

The search uncovered 33 shotguns, two hand-grenades, quantities of ammunition and military equipment, as well as medical supplies.

Terrorist incidents continued today in Algiers. A hand-grenade was thrown by an Algerian rebel terrorist into a truck near the docks, wounding four people. Two Europeans were also shot and wounded by terrorists.

Early this evening, a terrorist was blown to pieces by a hand-made bomb he was placing in front of one of the security force headquarters in Algiers.—France-Press.

## May Ban Snowman Hunt

Katmandu, Jan. 8. The Nepalese Government told Irish-born Peter Byrne today to produce evidence of official government authorisation for his American-financed "abominable snowman" expedition or go home.

Byrne, a journalist, arrived on Sunday from Australia to organise a "new" hunt for the mythical "snowman" of the Himalayas. He said his expedition is sponsored by the San Antonio Zoological Society of Texas and backed by Texas oilman, Tom Blinn.

But under a new Nepalese

The call in a resolution submitted by the United States, was opposed by Russia.

The committee passed by 37 votes to eight with 13 abstentions a United States resolution which reaffirmed the U.N. objectives of bringing about the establishment of a unified, independent and democratic Korea by peaceful means.

It called on the U.N. commission for the unification and rehabilitation of Korea to continue its work in accordance with existing assembly resolutions and "to observe and report on elections throughout Korea."

### How They Voted

The eight Communist group countries—Hungary was absent—opposed the resolution while Afghanistan, Burma, Ceylon, Egypt, Finland, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen and Yugoslavia abstained.

South Africa was absent. Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, Indian Minister without portfolio, had objected to the resolution because he said it would not achieve the required results.

He maintained that nationwide elections could only be held once both sides had reached agreement on their supervision and on the type of body to which members would be elected.—Reuter.

### Rhee's Gamble

Seoul, Jan. 8. United Nations military sources said today that if and when the Korean armistice agreement were abolished South Korea would immediately make a gamble of double or nothing in a military offensive against North Korea.

The South Korean delegation to the United Nations General Assembly debate on Korea asked the United Nations on Monday to abolish the Korean armistice agreement which they said tied South Korea while leaving the Communist North a free hand.

South Korean President Syngman Rhee in his new year's message said he believed the time would come "soon" for South Korea to march north.

### Compulsion

The military sources agreed that 82-year-old President Syngman Rhee has devoted his life for a unified and independent Korea, would no doubt order his armed forces to march north as soon as his Government was freed from the restriction of the armistice agreement.

South Korea did not actually sign the agreement of 1953 but the fact that South Korea would leave and are still under the operational control of the United Nations Command has compelled the aged President to abide by the agreement.—Reuter.

## Talks Open On New Hungarian Govt

Budapest, Jan. 8. The first talks between Hungarian Communists and members of other political parties to broaden Hungary's Soviet-backed government have begun, it was reported today.

This follows the government's first statement of policy last Sunday, which said that members of other parties would be asked to join the government on condition they accepted the leadership of the ruling Communists.

Start of the contacts was announced by two top officials of the Hungarian "Patriotic Peoples Front", Ferenc David and Raszor Fyori, in an interview today in the official trade union organ Nepszombat.

### THREE PARTIES

They said the organisation had begun talks with the Hungarian Social Democrats, the Smallholders and the Peasants, three parties which ruled Hungary from 1945 until 1947.

According to sources close to the government only the Smallholders and the Peasants are earmarked for the broadened government.

In a speech published today, Gyorgy Marosai, Minister of State and Rada's right hand man, said any participation of the Social Democrats in Hungarian political life again would be a "hostile action" as it might divide the strength of the workers class.—China Mail Special.

## PLANE CRASH REPORTED

Toulouse, Jan. 8. A mountain rescue party searched in vain for the wreckage of an unidentified aircraft reported to have crashed today 5,400 feet up in the Pyrenees.

No French aircraft has been posted as missing today.

The alarm was given by a shepherd in the mountains of Toulouse, who said he heard a noise of aircraft engines and saw a plane take a nose dive behind a peak.

Immediately afterwards a thick column of smoke rose into the sky.—China Mail Special.

## Adenauer Visit?

Bonn, Jan. 8. The West German DPA news agency said today that West German President Theodor Heuss and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, will make an official trip to the United States next spring.

Official West German sources refused to confirm this report.—France-Press.

## \$5 million Cheque

United Nations, Jan. 8. The United States delegation to the United Nations today handed the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, a cheque for \$5 million to cover the first expenses of the work for clearing the Suez Canal.—France-Press.

## NEW YEMEN RAID INTO ADEN

Aden, Jan. 8. Yemen regular troops have invaded further districts in Beihan, in the western Aden protectorate, an official communiqué stated today.

The invaders burned down houses and demolished government buildings in Dhala Amirate, the communiqué said.

Fighting had started in the Abyan protectorate and at a new place in the Aden protectorate. Local troops had been despatched to the area, the communiqué said.

General Mobilisation?

The communiqué said women and children of the Shalab Sheikdom had been killed by attacks from the neighbouring Qatibah district.

It said that the people of the Qatibah district had built forts on the border under orders from the authorities and were firing into villages.

There was no confirmation tonight of a reported general mobilisation in the Yemen but partial mobilisation along the border was reported by unofficial sources.

Some sources here claimed the attacks on the western protectorate of Aden had been inspired in order to help the Yemen government divert attention from unrest in the eastern region.—Reuter.

### Volunteers Call

Bonn, Jan. 8. The Yemen Legation tonight issued a statement saying "British air attacks on Yemen towns

have increased" and that Britain was trying to "crush the rebellion in the so-called protectorates."

The Yemen Charge d'Affaires Mr. Abdel Rahman Abdoydany, said reporters he thought the Government of his Red Sea Kingdom "will be forced to call on volunteers from all over the world to fight the British aggression."—Reuter.

## MOST OF SINAI IN UN HANDS

Jerusalem, Jan. 8. The first phase of the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula will be completed at midnight tonight, a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced today.

The spokesman said that by tonight's deadline 80 percent of the Sinai peninsula would be under control of United Nations Forces which had taken over from Israeli troops.

The new line held by Israeli forces in the Sinai will now extend from El Arish on the Mediterranean down to Tor at the entrance to the Gulf of Suez, the spokesman said.—Reuter.

## SYRIA'S CHARGE AGAINST IRAQ & LEBANON

Damascus, Jan. 8. Brigadier General Adib Shihabiy, former President of Syria, was accused in court today of receiving \$25,000 for his part in an alleged plot instigated by Britain, France and Iraq to overthrow the Syrian Government.

The accusation was made in a security report read at the opening of a trial of 47 Syrians accused of conspiring against the Syrian regime. General Shihabiy and 17 of the others

accused are being tried in their absence.

The military tribunal hearing the case adjourned today to consider whether to allow the plaintiff's counsel to appear at the trial.

A report by the Army Security Chief read to the tribunal earlier said General Shihabiy discussed the alleged plot in Geneva last year with Mr. Burhanuddin Bushayyan, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, and General Ghaleb Daghistani, deputy chief

## Chou Has Talks In Moscow

Moscow, Jan. 8. The Chinese Premier Mr. Chou En-lai today held meetings with Soviet and East German leaders in the second round of talks between the Communist states which began with a five-power meeting in Budapest just after the new year.

The meetings which were pre-arranged to have been held separately, took place shortly before the East German government delegation which has been having talks with Soviet leaders during the last few days, left Moscow for home by train.

### New Policy?

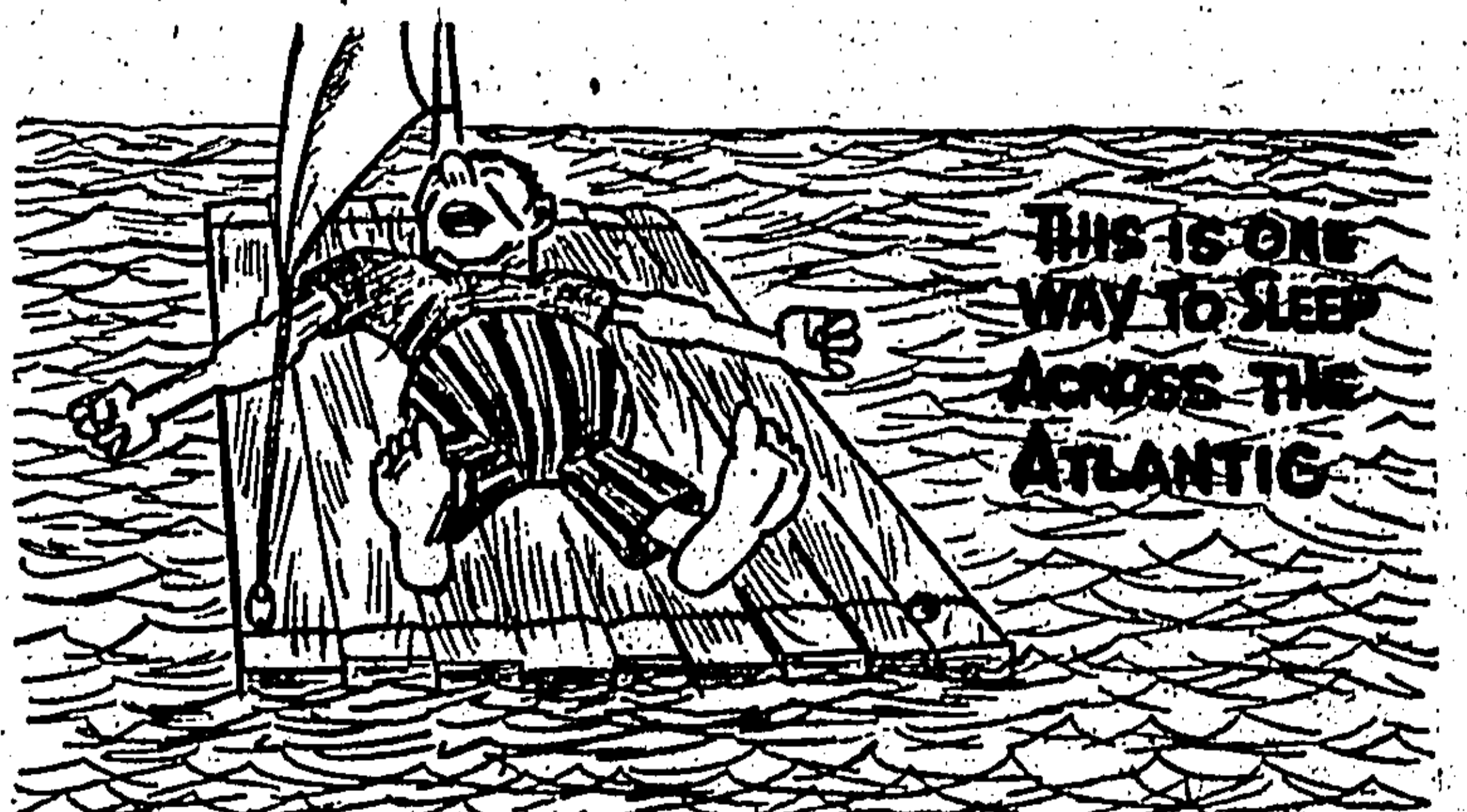
Mr. Chou's talks with the Russian and East German leaders were seen here as part of a plan to develop "Communist solidarity" under Soviet direction with Chinese support.

It was believed that Mr. Chou might discuss some important economic questions with the Soviet leaders.

Russia is almost entirely responsible for Chinese industrial development, and the Chinese ideological support given to the Russians will undoubtedly place him in a strong bargaining position.

It was noted that Mr. Chou, at the Moscow airport on his arrival yesterday, and Marshal Bulganin and East German leaders at a Kremlin reception last night, went out of their way to attack western and particularly American policy.

There was speculation that the Russians and Chinese might be working out new foreign policy plans for the Communist world with special reference to the Far East.—Reuter.



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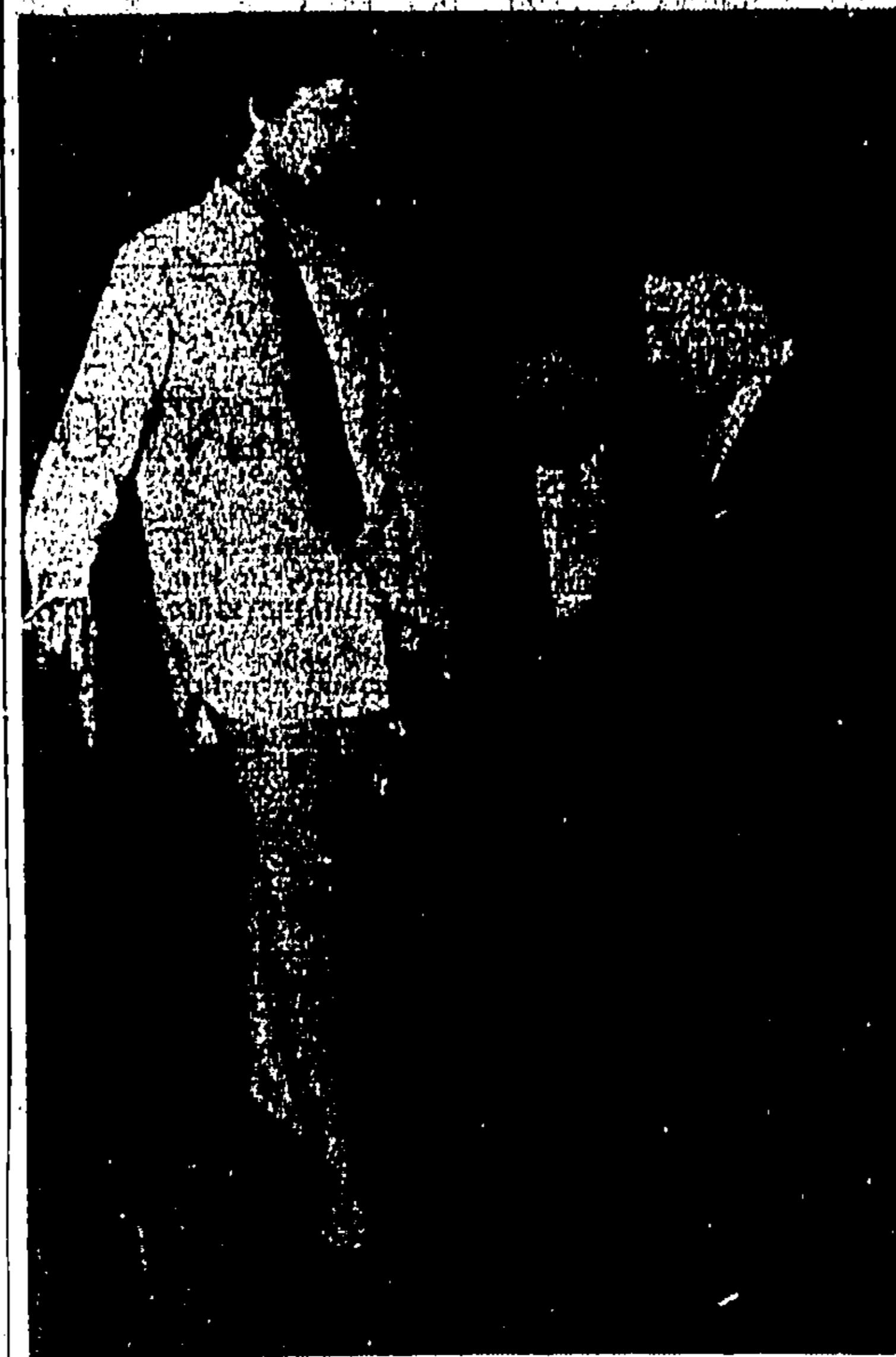
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worn. Model Maria Lellman wears the "City" type of shirt.  
—Express Photo.Portuguese-American  
Negotiations  
Long Drawn Out

Lisbon, Jan. 8.

Despite at least four months of negotiations,  
the Portugal-United States treaty giving American  
forces peacetime rights in the strategic Azores  
Islands expired on December 31 without being  
renewed.American officials here hope  
they will be able to reach  
agreement on a new revised  
treaty as soon as Foreign Minis-  
ter Dr. Paulo Cunha recovers  
from an illness that has put him  
out of action for several weeks.  
He went on sick leave about  
two weeks ago.The five-year treaty officially  
expired on September 1, 1956,  
and the fourth-month period of  
grace ran out with the old year.  
Under the treaty, the United  
States still has from six months  
to a year to evacuate her per-  
sonnel from the island bases.Boy and submarine pens had  
been planned.To make certain there is no  
question about who runs  
Terceira Island, signs stating  
"this is not American territory."  
This is the territory of a friend-  
ly ally are posted around  
Lages air base and other joint  
Portuguese-American installa-  
tions.There are between 1,000 and  
1,500 American servicemen and  
civilians working under army  
contract on the island.—United  
Press.

## No Evacuation

A US Embassy spokesman  
said today, however, that no  
evacuation was planned be-  
cause it was hoped a new treaty  
would be completed as soon as  
Dr. Cunha returns to work."The talks have been post-  
poned because of Dr. Cunha's  
illness. We will continue to  
have peacetime facilities in the  
Azores," he said.The Azores, an important  
key to the defence of the  
Atlantic in time of war, lie  
1,500 miles from London and  
2,000 miles from New York.  
The peacetime facilities granted  
the United States apply only to  
restricted zones on Terceira  
Island, where Lages air base is  
jointly used by the United  
States and Portugal under the  
command of a Portuguese  
officer. There are also radar  
facilities near the base.Portuguese quarters here  
said there was little doubt but  
that the new treaty would be  
signed eventually. They said  
expansion of facilities, including  
a harbour on Praia da VictoriaFAREWELL  
RECEPTION  
IN BONN

Bonn, Jan. 8.

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr.  
Katsumi Ohno, tonight gave a  
farewell reception for members  
of the West German Govern-  
ment, the diplomatic corps and  
the press.Among the guests were Dr.  
Heinrich von Brentano, West  
German Foreign Minister, Herr  
Ernst Lemmer, German Minister,  
the Soviet Charge d'Affaires, Mr.  
Sergei Kudryatsev and the  
French Ambassador, M. Maurice  
Couve de Murville.The reception was held at the  
Japanese Ambassador's residence  
at Oberwinter, on the Rhine  
south of Bonn.Mr. Ohno, who arrived here  
only about two months ago, is  
leaving to become Under-  
Secretary of State in the  
Japanese Foreign Office.Ike's Aid  
AVOID IMPRESSION  
OF ARMS RACE  
IN MIDDLE EAST

By RALPH HARRIS

Washington, Jan. 8.

State Department officials said to-  
day that President Eisenhower's military  
aid proposals for the Middle East would  
be executed cautiously to avoid even the  
impression that the United States was  
backing an arms race in the region.The President's offer of this  
type of aid was linked with  
other proposals of his new  
Middle East policy calling on  
Congress to grant him advance  
authority to use economic andmilitary force if necessary to  
check Communist aggression in  
the Middle East.Authoritative sources today  
explained that the military aid  
offer did not necessarily en-  
visage a significant increase in  
arms shipments to the Middle  
East.SUSPICIOUS  
'MISTER'  
COMRADE

London, Jan. 8.

The Hungarian opera  
singer, Endre Muller, fled  
from Hungary because  
people began to call him  
"Mister" instead of "Com-  
rade," he disclosed in  
London today, where he  
has asked for refuge.Muller, after singing in the  
star roles of "Faust," "Tosca,"  
and "Carmen," and going on  
tour in Switzerland, Rumania  
and Italy, then helped to edit the  
Hungarian magazine "Truth,"  
devoted to the arts.However, when his Soviet  
colleagues began to say "Good  
morning, Mister Muller" instead  
of "Comrade Muller," he became  
alarmed. Feeling that they were  
suspicious of his opinions, he  
soon disappeared.

## BBC PROGRAMME

Muller will appear in a tele-  
vised BBC programme on  
Saturday and may appear  
shortly in the Covent Garden  
Opera.It was learned in Vienna that  
two Hungarian national artistic  
ice-skating champions have left  
their country to take refuge in  
Austria.The two skaters, 1956 cham-  
pion Istvan Szenes and 1955  
champion Csako, hope to re-  
sume training on a Vienna  
rink.—France-Press.

## Chief Proposal

They said the chief pro-  
posal now under study was  
that to bolster the region's  
defences against aggression,  
Middle East nations would  
receive United States arms  
as outright grants instead of  
paying cash under re-  
imbursable arrangements.Officials said the degree of  
assistance extended would  
depend on the amounts requested  
and the need of each nation for  
defensive arms.The United States has limited  
the totals and types of "re-  
imbursable" arms to states in-  
volved in the Arab-Israeli dis-  
pute so as to avoid the possibility  
that defensive weapons might be  
used to settle old scores.Nevertheless, United States  
officials are aware of the danger  
of upsetting the balance of  
power between Israel and the  
Arabs by taking measures specifi-  
cally aimed at curbing the  
external Communist threat—  
China Mail Special.

New York, Jan. 8.

Dr. Malik El-Khatib, New  
Palestine Foreign Minister,  
arrived here by air today from  
London for discussions of the  
Kashmir issue at the United  
Nations Security Council next  
week.The Foreign Minister made  
only a brief statement, saying  
"I came here to represent  
Palestine in the discussions of  
the Kashmir question before  
the Security Council."—Reuter.Check On Radiation  
In Foodstuffs

Washington, Jan. 8.

Officials of the United States Public Health Ser-  
vice have begun a systematic check of the amounts of  
radiation which may be found in food served to  
citizens of the nation in their homes or restaurants, it  
was reported today.Public Health Commissioner  
George P. Larrick disclosed the  
food check plan, which he said  
is part of the Government's  
services to the people in the new  
atomic age.He explained that plants and  
animals in various parts of the  
nation absorb radiation in vary-  
ing amounts, and the Govern-  
ment has felt it advisable to  
begin a check on how much  
radiation there is in such food  
as a public health protection  
measure.

## Certain Amount

There always is a certain  
amount of natural absorption  
of such radiation, he explained,  
but the Government wants to  
monitor what changes, if any,  
occur as a result of weapons  
testing or other applications of  
atomic energy.As a first step to establish a  
basis of measurement, the Gov-  
ernment is seeking samples of  
foods which were canned in  
the year 1945.Commissioner Larrick ex-  
plained that 1945 is regarded  
as the year one in the atomic  
age. Food packed in years since  
then will be checked against  
food packed that year to see if  
there is any significantly larger  
amount of atomic radiation  
entered into it.Larrick said that United  
States canning companies have  
been solicited for their co-  
operation in obtaining samples  
of food packed in the year 1945.He also said that samples  
would be taken from different  
parts of the nation to see what  
differences develop, if any, in  
geographical areas.Meanwhile it was learned that  
the Atomic Energy Commission  
has also been checking samples  
of the amounts of radiation in food  
in different parts of the United  
States and to some extent in  
other parts of the world. This  
was part of its tests of the  
amount of radiation from  
atomic fallout after explosions  
set off in Western United States  
and in the Bikini-Eniwetok  
area of the Pacific Ocean.

## Disclaimer

Samples of food, soil, air and  
water have been taken.  
So far officials have dis-  
closed only findings of dan-  
gerous amounts of radiation in  
one "hot" spot, the area that  
would attract clouds of any  
nuclear war.—United Press.

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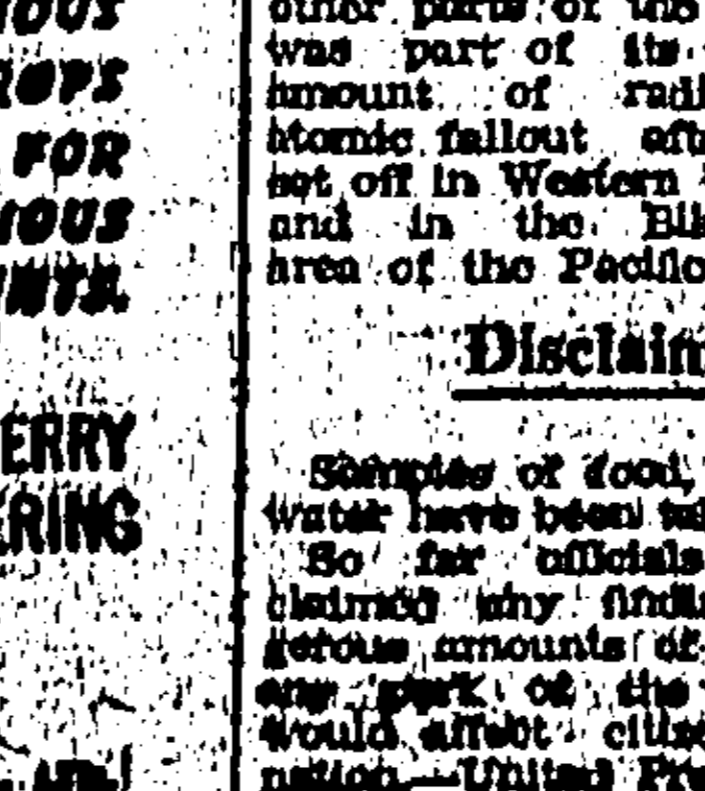
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## POP







Tibetan pilgrims and priests at Kathmandu.

It is winter in Kathmandu, but it feels more like spring. The morning mist has lifted and I am sitting out in the warm sun. A light breeze stirs the trees and the air is full of the raucous cries of rooks and jackdaws.

Great masses of woolly cloud are piled up high over the surrounding mountains. In the garden, flowers and shrubs are in bloom.

I have motored many hundreds of miles across India since leaving Delhi. When I reached Agra, it was already dark, but there was a half-moon, so having left my luggage at the hotel I set off to see the Taj Mahal. It is the most wonderful building I have ever set eyes on. Of pure white marble, it stands on the banks of the River Jumna, just outside the city. Beneath its spacious dome lie the bodies of Mumtaz Mahal and her husband, the Emperor Shah Jahan.

### UNFORGETTABLE

THE evening air was quite still. As I walked through the massive arched gateway into the garden, a pale and shadowy apparition emerged from the darkness some way ahead. The shape of the Taj Mahal was just discernible but, so it seemed, without solid form. The tall

minarets at each corner appeared to be suspended above the ground and the dome, softly brushed with moonlight, looked as if it were poised in mid-air above them.

It was an unforgettable impression, and I agree with those who say that the Taj Mahal must be seen by moonlight.

As I drew closer, I was struck by its immense, harmonious proportions, of which no photograph I have ever seen gives any idea.

### THE TOMBS

SOME cover-shots were lined over my own before I was allowed to enter the mausoleum. The darkness inside was softened by the light of a single candle, which dimly revealed the marble walls and the white ceiling of the dome, eighty-five feet above. An old man was keeping watch beside the tombstones. In a whisper he described the edifice which came from the dome. Then he looked up, raising his voice, gave a long cry, like the call of a muezzin. The sound filled the dome, reverberating back for fully fifteen seconds before it died away.

The tombstones are replicas of the actual tombs, which lie in a vault below. Round them is the most beautiful screen,

looking like ivory but carved out of solid marble and inlaid with precious stones in flower designs and writings from the Koran.

I was led down into the circular marble vault below. The tombs of the Emperor and his wife lay side by side. They were richly ornamented. That of Mumtaz Mahal was the smaller. When she died in 1630, Shah Jahan erected the Taj Mahal as her mausoleum. His intention was to build a similar one for himself on the opposite bank of the Jumna. But the scheme never materialised, and when in 1666 he also died he was laid beside his wife.

No description, no photograph could ever do justice to the Taj Mahal. It must be seen, and above all, seen by moonlight, to be believed.

Next morning, I was filling up with petrol when a snake charmer appeared with a sackful of snakes and a mongoose. He offered a snake-dance for five rupees, and a fight between snake and mongoose for ten. I settled for a combined display at seven rupees, but quite frankly I don't think I got my money's worth.

### DUSTY BATTLE

TWO cobras and a krait—the most deadly snakes in India—were tipped out of the sack. The cobra swayed nonchalantly for some minutes to "The Campbells Are Coming." It was played in squeaky tones on a bamboo pipe. Another cobra was set face to face with the mongoose, but it was apparently new to the game and gave in without a struggle. The mongoose looked distinctly bored.

Then a krait, yellow and evil-looking—I nearly said venomous,

but of course the venom, like the teeth of the mongoose, had been drawn—siphoned up to the tough, furry little creature and, raising itself slantways, leered a challenge at it. This was too much for the mongoose, who pounced on the krait and seized its head in his jaws. After a writhing, dusty little battle, in which the contestants tied themselves up into inextricable knots, the mongoose was declared the winner and the show was over. I went to look at Taj Mahal once more. It glittered in the bright sun, dazzling white and magnificent, yet robbed, I thought, of the magic which the moonlight casts upon it.

### BLOCKED ROAD

THREADING my way through the crowded streets of Agra I headed towards Khanpur (Cawnpore). Soon after passing through Mainpuri I got completely stuck in a country village and was held up for over a quarter of an hour, wedged between two bullock carts, while half a dozen others blocked the road in front. Their drivers were all arguing fiercely with one another and refusing to budge.

There was nothing to do but wait while crowds of villagers stood about the car and looked in, not without sympathy, at my plight. At last the cart in front gave a little jerk, and we began to inch our way forward. You may think you're an ace if you can cope successfully with the traffic in London or Brussels, but you begin to feel you're a genius if you get through an Indian village unscathed. Added to the jumble of camels and tongas, bullock carts and rickshaws, with a thick seeding of pedestrians, came a fresh hazard—elephants. I must say, however, that their traffic sense is excellent and they amble along politely, keeping well in to their side of the road.

And finally, five miles from Khanpur I had a puncture, and it was already dark when I found myself filtering through the seething traffic, searching

for the Burmah-Shell Company's Rest House. It was a most rewarding find, and I spent a very comfortable night—much needed, for the grain of the journey is beginning to tell. But there's nothing like a good sleep for relieving that leaden sense of fatigue which weighs so remorselessly upon one.

The journey that day took me from Khanpur through Allahabad to Benares, the holy city of the Hindus. The roads between these cities are good, but narrow, so that you have to drive off on to the dusty side track in order to pass another vehicle. One meets few cars, but there are scores and scores of bullock-carts which ramble along sleepily as if the Grand Trunk Road were reserved entirely for them.

However, I stick to the slogan which I saw inscribed in large capitals on the back of a country bus. "Horn Please!" It said. So I horned and kept on horning, and by the time I was level with the bus the driver heard me and, swerving gracefully off the road he—and the passengers—swerved on.

With bullock carts there is always a hideous element of doubt. You horn and when you are at point blank range, the driver wakes up and springs adroitly from a recumbent position in the back of the cart into the groovy bullocks with his stick and they, often more alarmed by your approach than by the blows to which they are well accustomed, veer suddenly to one side or the other, as the spirit moves them.

### AT THE GHAT

AT the moment you must act quickly. There is no question of finger-tip control, as the advertisements call it, but a violent wrenching of the wheel as you alter course in the opposite direction. That night at Benares I had little sleep. The night was full of the barking of frightened pye-dogs and the dismal, unearthly wailing of jackals. To add to my discomfort the man

CONTINUING A SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL ODYSSEY... IN INDIA, THE TAJ MAHAL BY MOONLIGHT, AND THE BURNING GHATS OF BENARES... THEN NEPAL, SO LIKE SWITZERLAND OR THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS, WHERE TIBETANS GATHER TO MEET THE DALAI LAMA

By PETER TOWNSEND

# DRIVING ALONE AROUND THE WORLD

## Lands Of Priests And Pilgrims

In the room next door began snoring and coughing in the early hours. He was still comatose when at 8.30 I got up.

I had planned an early visit to the bathing-ghats on the banks of the Ganges, and arrived just as the sun was rising. It cast a pale yellow streak across the grey water, which, despite the chilly air, was quite warm.

There was a crowded scene at the ghat where I embarked in a rowing-boat. Beggars, some of them horribly maimed, sat about on the broad steps of the ghat. Pilgrims were in the act of undressing and preparing to enter the holy waters. Some had already begun the ritual cleansing, wading in waist-deep before immersing themselves completely beneath the surface. Straightening up their dripping bodies, they stood soaking up the water in their hands, which they held out before them in a gesture of offering. Thus they remained for some moments facing the sun, with eyes closed and lips moving in silent prayer.

### QUITE PURE

AMONG the pilgrims were men and women, both young and old, strong and feeble. There were many priests, too, seated on little platforms beneath large wicker parasols. Some were blessing the pilgrims who came to them; others sat immobile, deep in meditation, a sublime expression of detachment upon their features.

The boat glided along past the burning ghats. Smoke was rising slowly into the morning air. Two bodies, wrapped in white linen cloth, lay near by. They looked so inert and irrelevant in the land of the living, waiting for the flames to consume them, and leave nothing but their ashes to be scattered on the waters.

Stacked up on the banks above the ghats were rows of pink stone slabs. The bodies of lepers, sufferers from smallpox and children under five are not buried. Instead they are tied to a stone slab and sunk in mid-stream. It is apparently true, though difficult to believe, that the waters of the Ganges are quite pure.

Lugubrious as this burial procedure may sound it has been that impression. It seemed to fit most naturally into this scene of religious fervour, where the sun shone down and the broad and placid waters of the holy river flowed on to cleanse the living and carry the souls of the dead upon their way.

### HOLY PLACE

I LEFT the banks of the Ganges and motored to the town of Saranath, five miles away. Saranath is a holy place of the Buddhists. It was here that the Gautama Buddha, the 2,500th anniversary of whose birth is being celebrated this year, preached his first sermon. An ancient red brick tower stands over the sacred spot, and near by is a modern temple.

I took off my shoes and entered. Round the walls were paintings illustrating scenes from the life of the Buddha, and I was surprised at the resemblance which some of them bore to scenes in the story of Christ. On the way to the temple I had passed a group of Tibetan pilgrims, and now they were arriving and crowding into the temple. A priest struck a heavy brass bell with a slow measured beat, and it boomed out a welcome to the pilgrims.

They were a cheerful lot, dark-skinned and weather-beaten and dressed in thickly woven tweed. The women wore some of the older men wore their hair in a long plait. One old man was walking round and round the temple

spinning his praying-wheel and muttering. Suddenly he stopped opposite me and, with a disarming smile, demanded "Bak-sheesh." I couldn't help feeling this was rather an irrelevant request in the midst of his devotions. Still, he had his reward. The road from Benares to Kathmandu was simply swarming with people—walking, bicycling, in rickshaws, tongas and bullock-carts. Some were even being carried in litters, borne by four wiry men. Half walking, half running, they advanced at a surprising pace.

I drove through miles and miles of enchanting countryside, of peaceful cultivation and busy village life. The vivid green of the flat paddy fields made a perfect background for the brightly coloured saris of the women as they walked in little troops to the village well, their pitchers balanced immovably on their heads.

In the evening the sun sank out of a clear blue sky, and long before it reached the earth's horizon it seemed to be immersed in an ocean of pale blue haze. A deep stain of purple and crimson spread out through the haze and, mounting up, filled the sky with its glorious radiance.

### TO KATHMANDU

AT Patna I was once more comfortably lodged in the Burmah-Shell Company's bungalow.

After a discussion with the manager, Mr. Tej Ram, I came to a decision not to motor to Kathmandu, but to go by air instead. I had always understood that it was possible to do the journey by road in one day, but I was mistaken. The Ganges

We flew in low over the mountains of Nepal. "It could be a hazardous flight in bad weather," I said to the pilot. "You're right," he replied, "and we don't even try it."

We followed a valley where the mountain tops sometimes rose above us, and then, passing between two great promontories of rock, followed another valley. At the far end of it Kathmandu was just visible.

I was leaning over the pilot's shoulder as we approached the land. "We had a prang here a few weeks ago," he said. "You'll see the aircraft as we come in." "Well, don't let's have another," I replied. His landing was impeccable.

### THE GURKHAS

I HAVE been in Kathmandu for three days and it has been a short but delightful holiday. It is extraordinary how quiet the streets are after an Indian town. There are no tongas and no rickshaws—only a few motor-cars, most of them old towing models with hoods. There is a small and a feel in the fresh clean air which is familiar. Is it Switzerland or is it the Highlands of Scotland? I don't know; perhaps it is something between the two.

The city stands round a great square of grass, it is more like a vast lawn. People sit about basking in the sun and chatting. A few are trading in goats and sheep, which have been driven in from the mountains. They are terribly hard and tough, these mountain people. Small of stature and a few inches taller than men and women and even children, bent beneath great loads of wood which they sell, taking back provisions for the



Benares . . . Indians bathing in the Ganges.

is three miles wide at Patna and the car has to be ferried across. On the far side it is loaded on to a train and carried some miles further over a river before the road journey to the Nepal frontier can really begin.

The ferrying by boat and train takes four hours, possibly longer. Moreover, it would be necessary to repeat it on the return journey, as there is no direct road to the north of the Ganges which leads to Cochin Behar and the Assam Trunk Road.

In order to reach the Assam Trunk Road I must go from Patna to Bhagalpur and cross there to the north bank of the Ganges.

The air journey from Patna to Kathmandu takes only one hour. In the morning I set off in a DC3 of Indian Air Lines. After we'd been in the air for half an hour the pilot came off and said to me "Come up in front—it's about the only chance you'll have of seeing Mount Everest."

Beneath us lay the dark green jungle, and beyond, still some way off, the foothills of Nepal stretched in a long line across our course. Piled above them was a layer of cloud, and there, over a hundred miles away, but sharply defined in the clear, high air, rose the great white mass of the Himalayas.

### EVEREST

MY gaze was riveted on the peaks which the pilot was pointing out to me. He guided me along the range, then, "that one," he said, "next to the one with a shadow on it, that's Everest." Even at such a great distance it looked superb, with a cloud, like a great white plume, at its summit.

To our left, Annapurna raised its huge white bulk above the cloud layer. I wished we could have stayed for a longer look, but we were steadily nearing the clouds, and as we flew beneath them the Himalayas passed from our view.

winter. They move with a curious lopsided, their loads fixed to a band across their foreheads. Gurkha soldiers—those sturdy, indomitable fighters—march briskly about their duties, while boys and girls in little groups play marbles or hopscotch in the streets.

Around Kathmandu are numerous temples, both Buddhist and Hindu. I am not allowed to enter the Hindu temples, though I have visited many and seen an extraordinary wealth of architecture and carvings. Some are quite grotesque, though no more so than the gargoyles on Christian cathedrals, and all have a religious significance.

### GREAT TEMPLE

I CLIMBED up the long steep steps to the Buddhist temple of Swayambhu Nath. Monkeys swing out of the bushes and performed the most ridiculous antics, grasping the railings and sliding down them with dexterity no small boy could ever match.

They swarmed quite freely round the temple buildings, but no one, not even the praying priests, seemed the least bit disturbed.

The great temple was a splendid sight. Coloured flags and bunting were strung from its high pinnacles and fluttered in the breeze. Pilgrims walked about in little crowds, and its circular base, while priests were at worship, some prostrating themselves, some seated and spinning their praying wheels. The lama was seated in a little shrine where a hundred candles flickered. He swayed gently from side to side as he chanted his prayers.

Many of the pilgrims and priests are Tibetans. Lhasa, the capital, is about ten days' march north through the mountains. Most of them have come by this route, to be at Kathmandu in time for the visit of the Dalai Lama.

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**IN the manner of**  
**Clerihew Bentley:**  
**Christmas pud**  
Never seems to do people  
much good,  
And large helpings of  
turkey  
Make even the brightest  
morning look murky.

☆☆☆☆  
After too many mince pies  
You can hardly see out of  
your eyes.  
And as for whisky cock-  
tails followed by cham-  
pagne—  
Never, never, never never,  
never, never again.

☆☆☆☆  
At least, that's what we all  
say.  
On Boxing Day,  
But within a week we are  
stuffing ourselves with good  
cheer,  
And wishing each other a  
happy New Year.  
Though many a head will be  
fit to burst  
On January the First.

☆☆☆☆  
After which we have nothing  
to be happy about but the  
high cost.  
Of living and the frost,  
And snow on high and low  
ground,  
And everything so much more  
a pound,  
With no petrol for the car  
Thanks to Corporal Nasser.  
Who, even among Egyptians,  
is an ace double crasser.

☆☆☆☆  
Which is saying a lot.  
As those boys are pretty hot.  
People, who have  
where most the Nile  
Will tell you that a Gypsy will  
double-cross his own mother  
with a smile;  
Also with relish if he has  
already learned the word—

☆☆☆☆  
That the old lady has double-  
crossed him first.

☆☆☆☆  
So a man like that international  
dope  
Foster Dulles hasn't got a hope.

☆☆☆☆  
I doubt if we shall be very  
happy in the spring or in  
new summer rainments  
On account of adverse balance  
of payments.  
Even if it is warm and sunny  
we shall only fry  
Because imports are up and  
exports down.  
And even pictures of American  
film girls with curves  
Won't make us happy without  
dollar reserves.

☆☆☆☆  
But in the autumn we shall  
look forward to Christmas  
1957.

☆☆☆☆  
As another glimpse of a  
phony heaven.  
And do ourselves no good  
With more Christmas pud,  
And drink whisky cocktails  
followed by champagne,  
Though we said we'd never do  
it again;  
And stay so far too late.  
To wish each other a happy  
1958—  
So life goes on and on and on  
What fun, what fun, what fun.

☆☆☆☆  
**Champagne again?**  
**THOSE** who were dreaming of  
a white Christmas, by heck,  
Certainly got it in the neck!  
And those who read that a  
turkey would be cheaper than  
a bunny  
Didn't think it very funny  
When they found  
They had to pay the same old  
price per lb.

☆☆☆☆  
The spirit of good will  
Does not shine brightly when  
you are feeling ill.  
In other words it's hard to be  
pleased

☆☆☆☆  
When your stomach's full of  
acid.

☆☆☆☆  
This may be why the spirit  
didn't shine too good  
In Hollywood,  
Where, after a Christmas  
party,  
Paul Brinkman soaked Homer  
Rhoads good and hearty.

☆☆☆☆  
They say it was about a girl  
called Jeanne Crain.  
Though I think they had been  
drinking whisky cocktails  
followed by champagne.  
You'd think by now that even  
an ape  
Would know that spirit distilled  
from grain does not mix with  
grape,  
And makes people believe,  
And want to punch each other  
on the nose.

☆☆☆☆  
Therefore I don't believe they  
thought about Jenny or any  
other girl  
But because their fums were in  
a whirl.

☆☆☆☆  
Anyway, after seeing Jenny's  
picture, I wouldn't care to  
be in a mix  
On her account, even if her  
measurements are 20-23-30.  
Though I must admit I could  
go.

☆☆☆☆  
For Marilyn Monroe.  
With her I would never feel  
pleased  
Be my stomach full of alkaline  
and not acid.  
Which it still is.  
Despite bleach and bis.

☆☆☆☆  
Anyway, here's wishing you a  
happy New Year.  
Full of good fortune and good  
cheer.

☆☆☆☆  
Though I have warned you  
about mixing whisky and  
champagne  
You'll probably do it again  
and again and again.  
So life goes on and on and on.  
What fun, what fun, what fun.  
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## This Funny World



"Guess it's about gutting time"

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... BY STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

BORN today, you have wearing ambitions and the energy to work hard at achieving them. Self-assured and confident, you stride ahead with full confidence that you can get exactly what you want out of life. You don't know what it means to hesitate or make a decision, for you have the ability to arrange the facts so there seems but one decision to make—and that you make without delay. Procrastination is a word outside of your experience. What needs to be done, you accomplish with dispatch and accuracy.

You are sure of your own judgment—and usually rightly so. But you may find that it is easier to persuade others of this if you use a little more tact in presenting your plans. Make it a point, at least, to listen to both sides of the question before giving orders. Then, instead of "ordering" something to be done, suggest that it should be accomplished if suggestions fail, then turn into the strict disciplinarian. As a rule, you will find that the psychological effect of having listened to all opinions is an excellent method of getting wholehearted co-operation from your workers. For most results, start new projects in March or November.

It is likely that an early marriage is in store for you. You are all your own happiness when surrounded by members of your own family. You do enjoy their love and devotion—as well as their praise—when you do a good job. Wed to someone who shares your ambitions, your marriage can be an exceptionally happy and successful one.

Among those born on this date were: William Harvey, scientist; Charlie Chaplin, film reformer; Thomas Brown and Lancelotti Abercrombie, poets; John K. Faine, composer; Alexander McCune, noted editor; Lemuel Shaw, jurist; Joseph Willard, educator; Richard Halliburton, explorer-author; Grace Zaring Stone, author; and Vilma Banky, actress.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—An excellent day for business. The stars say that you should make a plan now that you can carry out right now.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your relationship with your neighbors should be especially friendly if you display a mature cooperation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you have been feeling under the weather lately, don't neglect to have that physical checkup. It's important.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If involved in a real estate deal, you may find that there are complications which cannot be solved immediately.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Not your day so far as love and romance are concerned. Be polite and so much more than half way to keep the peace.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)—Impulse is not your best guide today, so if an important matter comes up, think it all out very carefully.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23)—Much better for you to "go it alone" than to team up with a partner who will retard progress later on.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—If your job is connected with publicity or advertising, you can expect a new idea to go over big with the boss.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Put your nose to the grindstone and get that writing job done. Develop your new invention successfully.

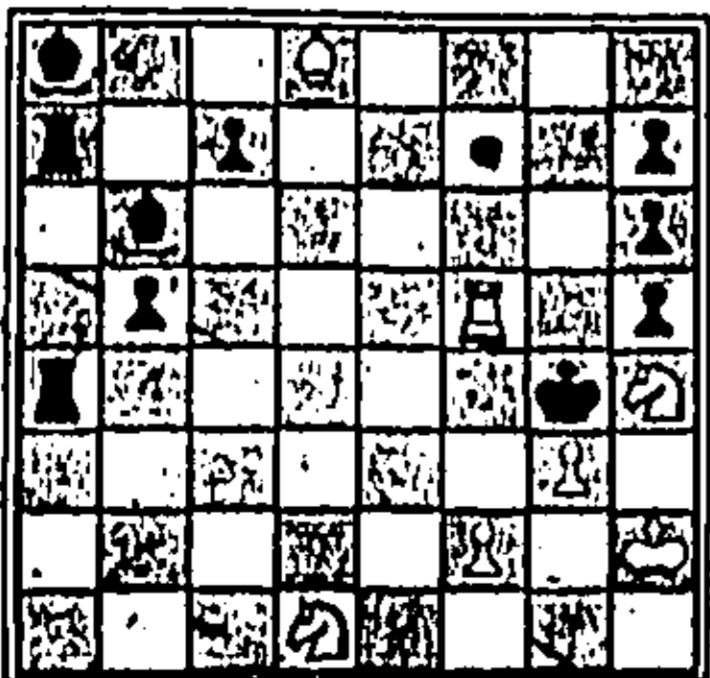
**LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—By using good judgment and keeping a level head you can make a good contract or agreement which stands up well.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—You may take a short trip to see friends today and have a successful visit.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Manual dexterity should be high for those of you who work with your hands. Take full advantage of this fact.

## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



A problem by P. C. Asbury-Smith (Time and Tide, 1955). White mates in two.

**Solution to yesterday's problem:**  
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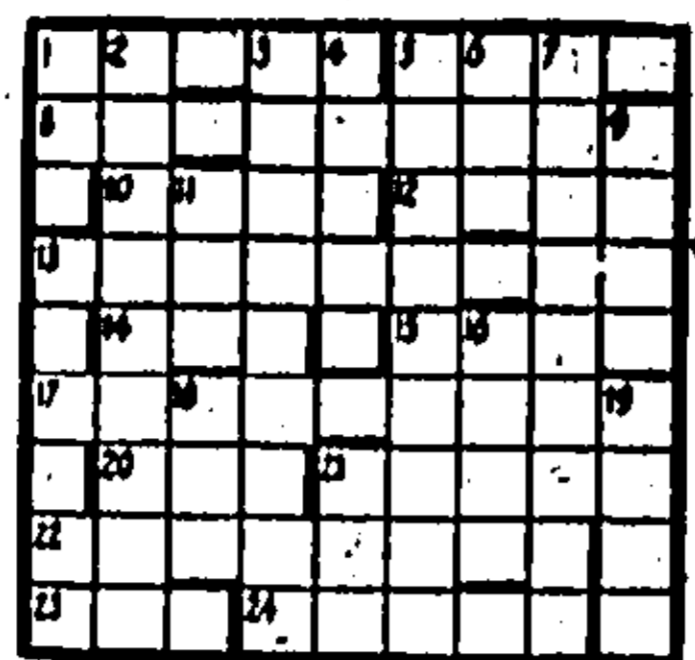
## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE next best thing to having a cellar stocked with

134,721 different wines is to pore over Louis Larnat's "Atlas de la France Vinicole," one of my proudest possessions.

## CROSSWORD



**Across**  
1. It has hidden depths. (5)  
5. Chartered accountant member of Parliament. (4)  
9. Liquid liar (anagram). (4)  
12. Silver of Ireland. (4)  
13. Proud gets mixed with a bit of mad. (5)  
14. Miss West the life-saver. (8)  
15. Mankind who young did head great. (4)  
17. End. (2)  
20. Another end. (2)  
21. The man in Zorro's pants. (5)  
22. Impaired transportation. (8)  
23. The lowest thing in the B.A.P. (3)  
24. Savoury. (5)

**Down**  
2. Poshness and snobs. (5)  
3. I can't get a word out of my machine. (9)  
4. Put out by someone with something to say. (9)  
6. Material girl. (9)  
7. You see this, maybe, with a bit of a twist. (5)  
8. Mandy gets a role in a scene. (4)  
10. The look has a bit of mystery in it. (4)  
11. Time in a place. (5)  
12. Time in a place. (5)  
13. Time in a place. (5)  
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24. Time in a place. (5)

## Review of the situation (by "CITICUS")

EVERY financial or fiscal measure which seeks to check the interim loss of revenue must be based on a contingent increase in decreased availability of money for the overall consumer. What this means, in words of one syllable, is that the deficiency gap between totalled expenditure and residual assets can only be bridged by an incremental increase in contributory levies spread over public services, trade, industry, and private emolument. In proportion as the monetary resources of the national Exchequer become more exigent, the necessity of supplementing the diminished funds results in pecuniary measures designed to extract superfluous income and capital from all users of currency.

## A misunderstanding

THE advice to "Enunciate your name distinctly over the telephone" is admirable. A Burmese named So Wat rang up a Ministry to ask for some information. This is what happened.

"What is your name, please?"

"So Wat."

"I asked for your name. Please do not waste my time."

"I told you. So Wat."

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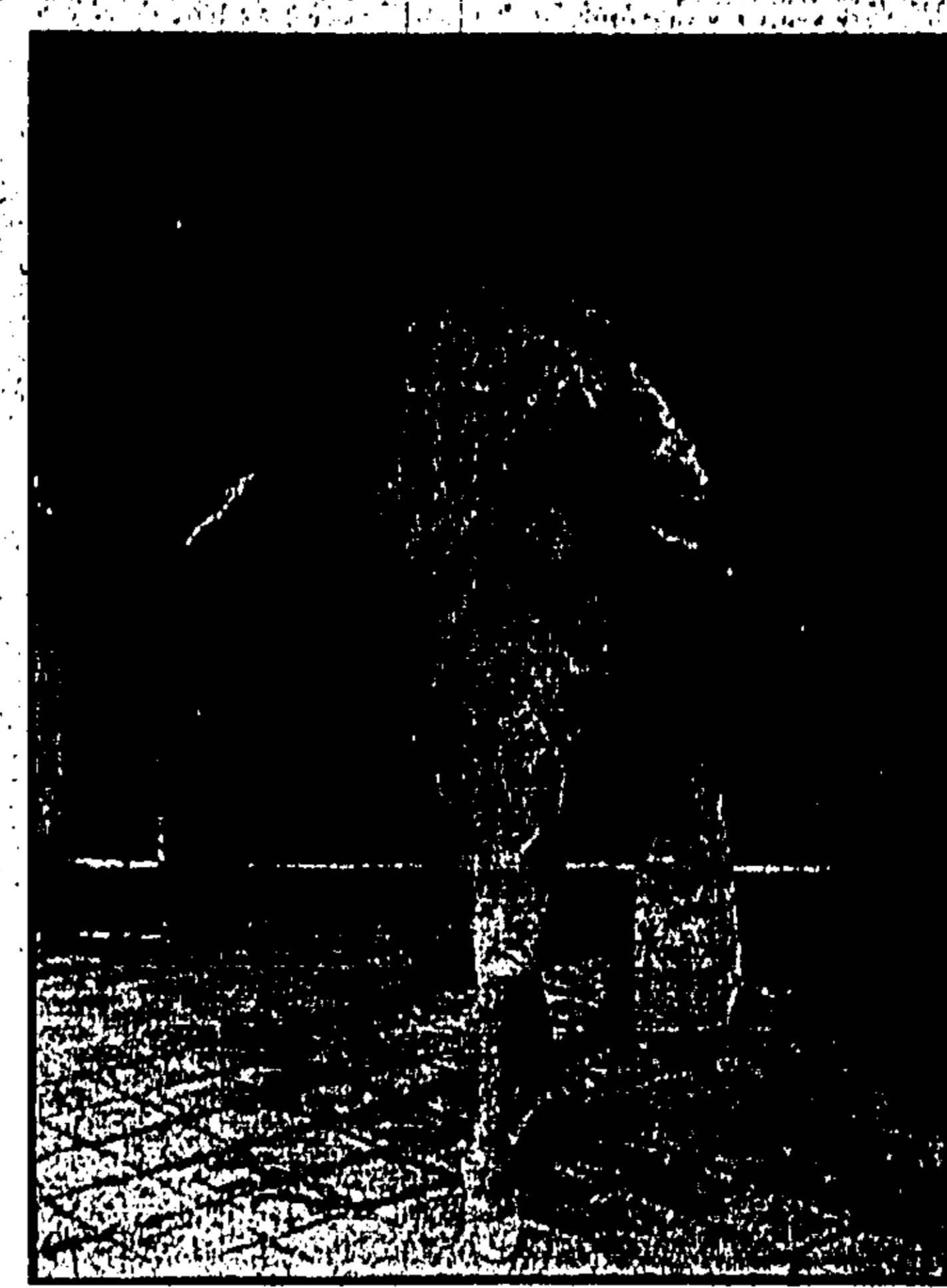
"If you persist in this insolent nonsense, I'm afraid I must ring off. Now, your name please?"

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"So go to the devil!"

## WOMANSENSE

## Draped Dior Model For Evening



Designed on the "Magnet Line," this short evening dress named "Istanbul" is in pink brocade. Note the unusual draping which terminates into a knot on the bodice. The stole is trimmed with sable. From Christian Dior. —Agence France-Presse.

## How To Be Helpful When Baby Learns To Talk

By GARRY C. MYERS, Ph.D.

WE little realize what a prodigious achievement learning to speak is for a young child. For an adult to learn one or several foreign languages is not comparable in difficulty.

From early infancy the baby hits on more and more sounds by trial and error. By and by, he discovers that some of these sounds are the ones he hears from older persons relating to familiar things or experiences. His parents are pleased. They smile approval and often repeat them after the child.

In the meanwhile, the infant has learned to imitate movements he sees and sounds he hears. Most of his speech is learned by imitation. Not only may he imitate words and phrases and sentences which he hears, he also may imitate the motions of our mouths as we say them. So he is helped by what he hears and sees.

He learns best from single words for familiar things and actions as "dog," "run," rather than "This is a dog" or "Run to the door." Also as he hears and sees you shape each word clearly and distinctly.

So you can understand why you should speak clearly and distinctly to him. Seeing your face, especially your mouth, helps him to learn to speak, too.

Therefore, the more relaxed and companionable you are when you speak to him and the more readily he looks right into your face as you speak, the more quickly he learns.

Never try to hurry a child in learning to talk. Too great urging may hamper and retard his speech development.

If your child seems to have made no progress at talking by the time he is two or three, have an expert test his hearing. Keep on speaking to him softly, clearly, winning him to look at you as you do. Let him play with other children who speak well.

In your effort to be companionable with the baby and young child, you may be inclined to indulge unwisely in baby talk and repeat his infantile sounds and expressions.

Try to say correctly, over and over again, in rhymes and stories, the sounds and words with which he has difficulty.

Even at five or six he may have trouble making correct sounds of s, sh, ch, j, l, r. He may substitute the sound of t for k; s for f for th; d for g; w for r; for l. He may have trouble with the blends as fl, fr, sl, sn, sm, sk, st, bl, br.

Don't interrupt him to correct him. Be so skillful as to cause him to feel comfortable as he tries to imitate your sounds and lip movements in making them.

## FRUIT-FILLED COOKIES

By ALICE DENHOFF

OUR mode of living changes with the seasons. For example, the delicious aromas wafting in from the kitchen give some inkling of the new activity taking place there and remind us it's baking time again.

Making up a batch of cookies is a long process but well worth the effort.

Here is a recipe for an unusual cookie filled with cherries.

To make about 30, sift

2 c. sifted all-purpose flour, 1½ tsp. baking powder and ½ tsp. salt together.

Soften ½ c. butter or margarine and combine with 1 c. sugar, beating until mixed and fluffy.

Add 1 slightly beaten egg, tsp. grated lemon peel and 1 tsp. lemon juice. Mix well.

Add sifted ingredients. Mix well and chill.

Roll dough out on lightly

floured board to ¼-in. thickness, then cut in 2-in. rounds.

Combine ¾ c. finely chopped whole orange and ¼ c. finely chopped maraschino cherries (about 24). Mix thoroughly.

Top half of the rounds with 1 rounded tsp. orange-cherry mixture. Top with remaining rounds and seal edges. Place on ungreased baking sheets and bake at 400° F., 12 to 15 min. or until lightly browned.

## Household Hints

If you file recipes or index cards, give them a thin coating of white shellac to protect them from food stains.

Wash dark cottons separately so they won't pick up lint.

Cucumbers make a tasty cocktail-time dip. Peel and cut cucumbers into squares and spear each square with a toothpick. Serve them with a dip made with heavy sour cream mixed with a dash of basil and some fresh dill seed.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

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The spot of honour this week is reserved for that very popular sportsman, Major John Ledsham, RA. Besides the cares of Secretaryship of Army Rugby, he has also controlled the destinies of the Army Rugby Union Referees Society, and has refereed many of the Colony and Services matches.

I often wonder what makes people take up the administrative side of a sport, carrying as it does so often all the kicks and none of the halfpence. In this case I know the answer, a deep love for the game. Having played for Rosslyn Park, his unit, and taken over the captaincy of the Rhine Army team, he was finally selected for an England trial, the height of the ambition of all players next to an actual cap.

At this stage disaster struck and an unfortunate and serious accident put him out of this trial and made further participation as a player of Rugby impossible.

This blow could well have soured him players but John fought back and achieved the next best thing to playing, which is refereeing, and is now a very capable Class One referee.

As you are leaving the Colony very shortly to return to Britain, I would on behalf of all Rugby enthusiasts thank you, John, for all the hard work you have given so willingly to Rugby and its referees. Dan Young and I, having missed International honours as a player, may see you gain them as a referee, and we all look forward to seeing you at Twickenham in the not too distant future.

#### NEW SECRETARY

The new Secretary of Army Rugby will be Major Trevor Griffiths, RAOC, better known perhaps as an above average golfer. He is located in the 24 Field Engineer HQ. The control of Referees will be in the capable hands of Lieut. (RM) Courtes, RE, of 24 Field Engineer Regt., RE.

The second semi-final of the Knock-out competition between 27 HAA Rgt. RA and 24 Field Engineer HQ. The control of Referees will be in the capable hands of Lieut. (RM) Courtes, RE, of 24 Field Engineer Regt., RE.

By kind permission of the Commissioner of Police this will be held on the Police ground at Boundary Street on Wednesday, January 16, commencing at 1.00 hrs. It is hoped that General and Mrs. Stratton may be able to attend what promises to be a hard fought struggle for the premier local award in this sport.

The Plate competition for teams knocked out in the preliminary rounds is being concluded and will be REME beating 7 Hussars "B" team by 12-6 the draw for the semi-final is 15 Medium Rgt. RA v. REME and 19 Field Rgt. RA v. Green Howards or HQLE.

It looks as if my prediction that the Medium and Green Howards would meet in the final will come true. If so it will be a really close match, one worth going a distance to see, and I have a feeling that the winners of this game will want to try conclusions with the competition winner. Just to prove that their earlier defeat was bad luck.

#### MINOR UNITS HOCKEY

Hockey is recovering after its seasonal lull, and the Minor Units League has produced several matches during the week with few surprise results. HMS "Tamar" have done 6 COD a good turn by defeating District Workshops REME by 5-3 after a hard and noisy game.

The Ordnance boys are now a point ahead and appear to have an easier programme of matches still to play. Workshops having been on top for so long are bound to put up a strong fight to rectify this position, whilst HQLE are not yet out of the running. With every game a vital matter some very good hockey may be expected at Boundary Street the next week or two.

The Knockout Competition 11 Inf. Workshops REME KO'd Kowloon Signals by 6-0 but Island Signals relieved the honour of the Corps by whipping 137 Battery RA by 8-1.

The draw for the quarter-finals resulted as follows—0 HAA Battery RA or Command Workshops REME v. HQRE Troops, Island Signals v. 6 COD, District Workshops REME v. RAMC or 23 HAA Battery RA, and finally 11 Inf. Workshops REME tackle the Command Pay Office.

In the Major Units competition the draw for the quarter-finals resulted in 74 LAA Rgt. RA meeting the RASC, the 7 Hussars facing either 24 Field Eng. Rgt. RE or 27 HAA Rgt. RA and the 1 Green Howards and 15 Medium Rgt. RA, who have already had a most exciting clash, meet again to decide who will take

### Hockey League Fixtures For The Week-End

Following are the Hockey League fixtures for both the Ladies' and Men's Divisions over the week-end.

#### LADIES' LEAGUE

**Saturday**  
Kings v. Gremmies 'A', King's Park at 2.30 p.m.  
Umpires—W.O.I. Edwards, C.F.O. Verrie.  
Hercules 'A' v. Victorians, Boundary Street at 4 p.m.  
Umpires—Mr. Von Rongen, Mr. Ross.  
Gremmies 'B' v. KGV, Boundary Street at 2.30 p.m.  
Umpires—Mr. Krishan Lal, Mr. Abbas.

#### MEN'S LEAGUE

**Sunday**  
Army 'A' v. Recreio 'B', Sookumpoo at 11 a.m.  
Umpires—Mr. Dillon, Mr. Mahan Singh.  
Navy v. Recreio 'A', Happy Valley at 4 p.m.  
Umpires—Major Ship, Mr. Wilson.  
Sookumpoo v. Nav Bharat 'A', Sookumpoo at 11 a.m.  
Umpires—Major Webber, Mr. Fowler.  
RAF 'A' v. Duffell, Kail Tak at 2 p.m.  
Umpires—W.O.I. Edwards, F.L.I. Irwin.

**2nd Division**  
Nav Bharat 'B' v. RAF 'B', Boundary Street at 2.30 p.m.  
Umpires—W.O.I. Edwards, SQMS Demons v. HKHC, Happy Valley at 11 a.m.  
Umpires—Mr. Wellings, Mr. Crobas.  
Army 'C' v. IRC, Boundary Street at 4 p.m.  
Umpires—S/Sgt. Moore, W.O.I. Tullins.  
Army 'B' v. Recreio 'C', Sookumpoo at 2.30 p.m.  
Umpires—Lt. Brown, Mr. Havler.

## GEORGE WHITING, Britain's top boxing reporter, gives his 1957 British rankings

# OUR 'TRADESMEN' FIGHTERS ARE ON THE FLOOR

Who fights the good fight in 1957? We will now lead with the chin—inviting wrath and vilification from one and all by suggesting that British professional boxing, beset by petrol rationing, talent rationing, entertainment tax, cushy jobs, boxers who can only count up to 10, and managers who can only count up to 25 per cent, is about to face its leanest year of all time. Lackaday, woe is me, and here's to the graveyard.

#### NON-COMMERCIALS

The amateurs? Doing very nicely, thank you. With Terry Spinks and Dick McTaggart still basing in the Olympic gold medal glories of Melbourne, and television fees swelling the kitty, and with fewer top liners falling for the professional come-hither, boxing fortunes have swelled mightily in favour of the non-commercial.

If I were a meanie, I could give you the name of a professional boxing VIP, who, unguardedly and before witnesses, put the situation very pithily indeed when he demanded: "Why should boys get their

faces pushed in for £25 when they can find £15-a-week jobs without getting hurt?"

However, we had better not go into cauliflower economies. Indeed, let us reach for the inkly cloak and try to introduce some semblance of preference and order into the thinning ranks of our hard-hit professional pugilists. With hesitation, fear, trembling, and apologies all round, I offer the following 1957 ranking lists of those eligible for native British titles.

#### HEAVYWEIGHT

1. Joe Erskine (champion).
2. Henry Cooper.
3. Dick Richardson.
4. Peter Bates.
5. Brian London.

Points for pedants: I know that Bates, protégé of Bruce Woodcock, has beaten Cooper. I also realise that I risk loss of face with manager Wally Lesley for implying that his Richardson is of lesser calibre than Cooper (property of Jim Wicks).

These things apart, let there be no howling about our heavyweights. Plenty of countries, including America, would swap all their politicians for the likely looking bunches of muscle that now carry on here where the recently retired Don Cockell, Jack Gardner and Johnny Williams left off.

Erskine, unbeaten and pre-eminent, has a real chance of international kudos when he comes to fight Cuba's Nino Valdes at Earls Court, on February 19.

#### CRUISERWEIGHT

1. Randolph Turpin (champion).
2. Arthur Howard.
3. Albert Finch.
4. Alex Buxton.
5. Johnny Sullivan.

Turpin is 28, Finch and Buxton each 30, and all three have in the past announced firm and irrevocable retirement—yet here they are, still lordling it over younger lightweight heavies. Shows what a state we are in.

No news yet of a Ron Baran return. Howard is matched for Turpin's title, Johnny Sullivan, 24-year-old recruit from middleweight campaigns in America, could brighten things up a little. Put down Ted Williams, of Huddersfield, and Len Mulren, of Glasgow, as "hopefuls."

#### MIDDLEWEIGHT

1. Pat McAteer (champion).
2. Martin Hansen.
3. Lew Lazar.
4. Billy Ellaway.
5. Les Allen.

Notwithstanding that recent summary defeat by "Spider" Webb in Chicago, the smooth

McAteer still holds plenty of appeal for those of us who prefer boxing to bruising. But were Hansen, Conqueror of Lazar, Ellaway and Allen, this experienced home-from-Copenhagen middleweight is one of the few contemporaries with brains enough to "pace" a fight, instead of bashing on regardless.

#### WELTERWEIGHT

1. Peter Waterman (champion).
2. Frank Johnson.
3. Jimmy Croil.
4. Tommy Molloy.
5. Gordon Goodman.
6. Leo Maloney.
7. Jackie Butler.
8. Les Morgan.

Crowded, aren't we? Add Johnson's ringcraft to Waterman's zest, and we could begin talking in terms of international honours. Add Johnson's inconsistency to Waterman's almost stubborn lack of variety and we could weep.

Tommy Molloy, unbeaten, and Les Morgan, back with reputedly round hands, might well be making things interesting for the light-shots before another year is over.

#### LIGHTWEIGHT

1. Joe Lucy (champion).
2. Dave Charley.
3. Willie Lloyd.
4. Sammy McCarthy.
5. Johnny Mann.
6. Paddy Graham.

Do not bother to proclaim that Lloyd has beaten southpaw Charley—unless he does it again at the Royal Albert Hall on January 22.

After all, if we are to become involved in the A beats B round, the same Willie Lloyd could be ranked in the rear of such less excited lightweight as George Whelan and Denis Hinson. And whom would you back if Lloyd were to be matched with the new and more fearsome edition of the "once ever-so-polite" Sammy McCarthy?

Mystery man ex-featherweight champion Billy Kelly. Likely newcomer: Arthur Donachie—10 wins in as many fights.

#### FEATHERWEIGHT

1. Bobby Nell.
2. Charlie Hill (champion).
3. Jimmy Brown.

The rest, nowhere—yet. No apologies for putting boxer-of-the-year Nell ahead of the champion. When Nell has polished off Brown in Belfast on January 19, and repeated under title conditions his recent slaughterhouse job on Hill—why, we'll all be riding on a racehorse. The dark and chunky Nell is almost our only glit-

## COLLAPSIBLE DINGHY AND CANOE



The very thing to take away on the summer holidays — the collapsible Pixie utility canoe and dinghy which can be divided and stored in the boot of a car. The Pixie, pictured on the deck of a seagoing Atlanta, was one of the novel exhibits at the National Boat Show at Olympia, London, on New Year's Day.

## MY 25 YEARS IN RACING

# DONOGHUE OFFERS PUNCH ON NOSE

By CLIVE GRAHAM (The Scout)

On the last day of December 1931, a nervous, 18-year-old boy, named Clive Graham, was ushered by a commissionaire into a little, unwindable L-shaped room in the old Daily Express office in Shoe-lane, off Fleet-street.

It was 11 o'clock in the morning. In one corner, two ticker-tapes droned away. The room smelt of paper and newspaper and studded-out cigarettes.

A few minutes later, an elderly, heavily coated man, with thick horn-rimmed spectacles, brushed through the door.

"I'm Warren, Sports Editor here," he announced. "You're the youngster we have taken on the racing staff?"

Mr Warren vanished into his sanctum, a frosty glassed cubby-hole and came out with some Press Association forms.

"That's the programme for tomorrow," he explained. "Find a form-book and enter the last three figures against the name of each horse."

The newcomer stated that he didn't need any form-book; he knew by heart the pedigree and form-figures of every horse in training.

That was quite true. "Old Man" Warren shook his head dubiously and walked back to his little den muttering: "He might know a lot about racing, but he hasn't been through the mill..."

That's for laughs, now—that credit for "knowing a lot about racing." It seems at this stage to me that all I knew then could have been written in longhand on a piece of cigarette-paper.

I knew the form-book, yes, but in an amateurish sort of way. My maths master at Chesham School, "Chump" Pearson, taught me the rudiments of handicapping over the breakfast table, when I was 11 years old.

"Three pounds equals a length" made far more fascinating instruction than that tiresome "12 times table."

And the horse side came during the holidays, when I ducked under the paddock-rails at Mrs Chester Beatty's stud farm near Charing in Kent and helped—as much as I could—with the mares and foals and imbibed all the fascinating lore about pedigrees and the Stud Book.

That visual delight, the spectacle of thoroughbred mares and foals together in a paddock on a fine April day, still holds its enchantment each recurring year.

But you need to be 12 years old and lying down in the fresh growing grass, chewing a cow-slip stem, to enjoy it utterly.

And what a change to observe later, in the autumn, when the foals were weaned and separated from their mothers! How those young colts reared and kicked and fought each other!

In this Teddy Boy stage, there usually emerges a boss. And stud groom still argue whether or not this young "big shot" will eventually prove the best grown-up racehorse...

#### BEST GUIDE

Form and breeding—that was all I knew about on the racing side 25 years ago, and come to think of it, these are still the best guide to winner-finding.

The interpretation of form and pedigrees still remains all-important. I found this out the hard way, when promoted in March 1932 to take over the "Beats" feature.

Billed as "the Boy Wonder"—did I live up to that name? After a moderately successful start at Lincoln and Liverpool, there came a sequence of 24 (yes, twenty-four!) consecutive losing naps.

The Ascot meeting saved me (to plague you all these years later). Uddapur, Orpen, Sandy Lashes, Heronless, Concerto, and others—bless them all.

Two points arise from these days—the danger of trying too hard to find winners, and therefore neglecting the obvious, and the patient tolerance of the prewar Daily Express reader.

As that first season progressed, the winners began to flow and I was even allowed to write "The Scout" article when Cyril Luckman took a short holiday in August.

#### TRUCULENT

Hurst Park. It was, Steve Donoghue (whom I only knew slightly then) came up to me outside the weighing-room, looking disturbed and truculent.

"Have you seen Cyril Luckman?" he demanded. "Because I want to punch him slap on the nose."

"Why would that be, Steve?" replied the young racing reporter. "Why?" said Steve, looking even angrier. "Because of what he wrote about me in his article this morning."

"Ow does it?" went on Steve (who dropped his hatcases whenever he became excited).

"Mel Ride second jockey to Michael Beatty!"

(The occasion was a review of riding plans for the 1932 St Leger, when the Aga Khan started four horses—first, second, fourth, and fifth, Tim Store and Michael, they both picked wrong and Freddie Fox won on Firdausi at 20-1.)

Fortunately for me, at this Hurst Park encounter, Michael, seeing the trouble which was the sale of life to him, stroled up to us with that famous twinkle in his eye and amity was soon restored.

Michael, of course, had his hot-headed moments, and it seemed that many years afterwards that he was shaking his fist at me in anger.

He had not read the article in question—"but all the jockeys are talking about it," he exploded.

Apart from these minor manifestations of temperament, Steve and Michael and I built up a steady friendship.

A fantastic pair they made. And what terrible tipsters! Steve was always an optimist, while Michael had a fatal knack of choosing the wrong occasion for pessimism.

And yet, somehow, they never seemed to lose heart or forfeit the ability to inspire confidence in the mind of those who listened.

Gordon Richards had his failings too in this line. Can I forget that occasion on the way to Chesham when he despaired of riding more than one winner? (He only rode the other five.)

"Barnwell" Cusack, for all his brilliance in the saddle, was another jockey whose advice was best ignored. He was so discouraging, so "off-putting," that R. C. Dawson, for whom he rode at one time, forbade him to come down to his Whatcombe stables.

"You depress me too much, Cusack," he told him. "In fact, you make me positively ill!"

#### ADVISERS

Dick Dawson relied for his advice on the light-weight Tommy Barham as, indeed, did Major W. V. Beatty and, later, Captain Boyd-Rochford on the services of Willie Stephenson.

Neither of these were top-flight jockeys, and it has certainly been my experience that the more successful a rider the less reliable is his judgment.

I don't understand why this should be. I only know it is so having learned on the hard highway of experience.

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#### ENGLAND LOSES

Copenhagen, Jan. 8. England were beaten, 7-5 by Denmark in an international badminton match here tonight.

—Reuter.

## Melbourne Chess Tournament

Melbourne, Jan. 8. The eleventh round of the Melbourne Olympic Chess Tournament saw Karlis Ozols of Victoria have his lead reduced to half a point by Suchowski Lazare, also of Victoria.

Lazare beat Ozols after recovering from an early disadvantage.

Two others who previously shared second place with Lazare lost today.

John Hanks of Victoria was beaten by Florencio Campanones, Philippines, in a rook end game and Cecil Purdy, New South Wales, lost to his son, John, holder of the title.

Orvin Sarapu, New Zealand, beat Rodolfo Cardoso, Philippines, and shares third place with Campanones.

Gregory Koshnitsky, New South Wales, beat Leo Ardwell, Victoria, and Jose Pascual unexpectedly lost to Dr. Lerner of Victoria.

With three rounds still to play point totals are: Ozols eight, Lazare seven and a half, Campanones, Sarapu each seven, Hanks, Koshnitsky, Cecil Purdy, John Purdy, each six and a half, Cardoso, six, Weber, Ardwell each five and a half, Kuszelsky, Enders each five.

There is no play tomorrow. The twelfth round will be played on January 10.—China Mail Special.

date to attend and once there let the players know you appreciate their efforts.

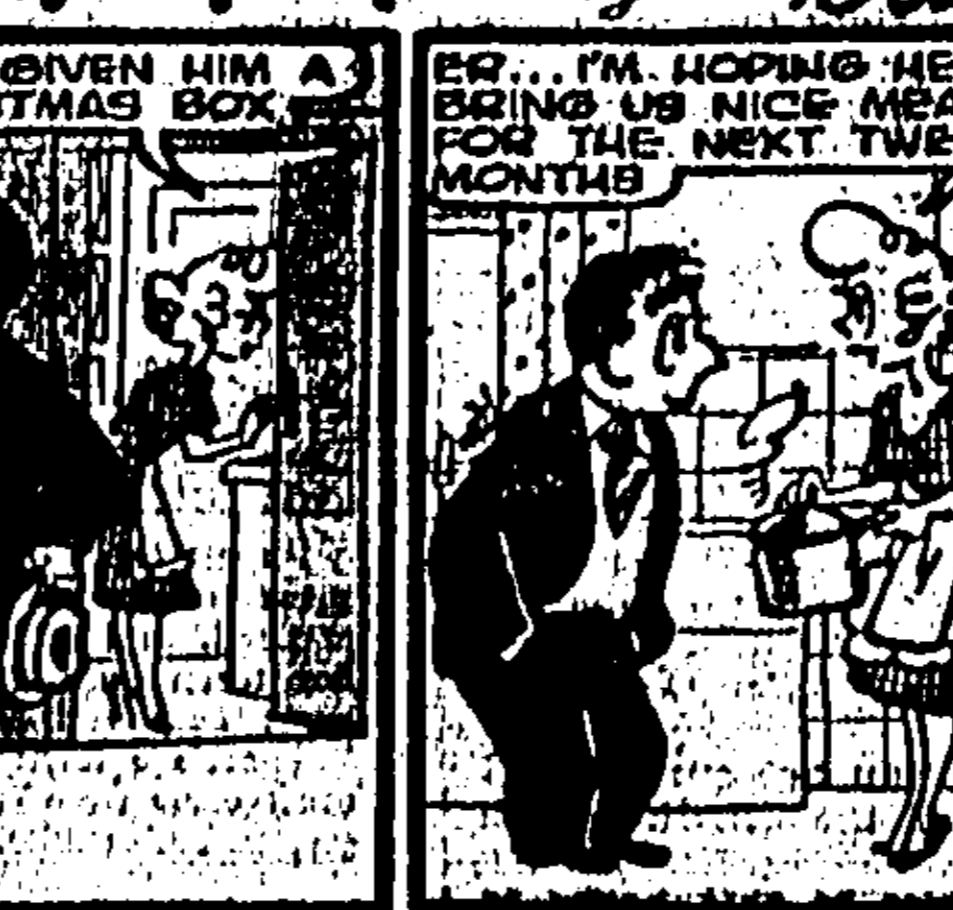
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The Minor Units Cricket League is today with the Command Pay Office meeting 33 General Hospital at Sookumpoo, HQ 27 Inf. Bde, opposite HQLE at the KCO, whilst Hercules sees 79 Coy. RASC tackle 227 Light Battery RA. At San Wal, 18 Field Ambulance "oppose" HQ Troops RE and Craigengower is the scene of the match between 173 Locating Battery RA, and Command Workshops REME.

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EFFORTS TO GET BACK SPAIN'S  
GOLD FROM RUSSIANS

Madrid, Jan. 8.

Efforts announced by the Spanish Government to secure a return of the Spanish gold reserves which were sent to Soviet Russia in October 1936, during the Civil War, are not expected to meet with much success.

The Soviet Government is expected to argue that the money was spent in supplying the Republican Government with war equipment, food, and primary materials.

The announcement made recently by the Spanish Government that, with the help of the family of the late Dr. Juan Negrin, Prime Minister of the Republic during its last year and eleven months of existence, it had now gained possession of the documents concerning Spain's gold reserves, has revived one of the most controversial episodes of the Civil War.

Was 64

Dr. Juan Negrin, who was 64 when he died recently of a heart attack in Paris, in the capacity of Finance Minister of the Republic in 1938 was one of those principally concerned in the transfer of the Spanish gold to the Soviet Union. Before he died he apparently

began negotiations to give the Spanish Government the receipts given by the Russians when the gold reached Moscow in February 1937.

Exact figures have never been published, but the figure most often quoted is 501,079 kilograms (some 600 tons) of gold worth, today, some \$733,890,000 or £240,000,000.

The removal of this gold to Moscow was defended by the Communists on the grounds that the Franco offensive on Madrid placed it in danger, that Franco might succeed in blocking it if it were placed elsewhere in Europe or in America, and that the transfer was necessary to guarantee the flow of arms, munitions and food from the Soviet Union.

## No Doubt

There is no doubt that strong Communist pressure was placed on the Republican Government to send the gold to Moscow.

The transfer of the gold from Madrid to Cartagena for shipment to the Soviet Union was carried out by a famous Communist figure of the civil war, "El Campesino" (Valentin Gonzalez).

Some years later, now disillusioned with communism, "El Campesino" fled from Soviet Russia, where he went to live at the end of the Civil War, and wrote a book entitled "Life and Death in Soviet Russia." In this, he described the transfer of the gold as "an immense robbery carried out against the people of Spain."—China Mail Special.

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Macao, 6 p.m.

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East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe,  
6 p.m.  
Canada, 6 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.  
Malaya, Ceylon, 6 p.m.  
N. Borneo, Noon.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Hawaii, 1 p.m.  
Japan, Hawaii, 2 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

## BOAT SHOW OPENS IN LONDON

COUNTRIES  
REJOIN  
WHO

Genova, Jan. 8.  
Bulgaria and Albania have  
notified the World Health Or-  
ganisation of their decision to  
resume an active part in the  
work of the organisation, begin-  
ning this month.

These countries, along with  
others in the Soviet bloc, have  
been regarded as inactive  
members of the WHO for  
several years.

The last assembly of the  
organisation acted to encourage  
the return of these countries by  
providing that they need only  
pay token dues to cover the  
period of their absence.—France-  
Presse.

The National Boat Show,  
annual exhibition of the  
newest in sailing craft, open-  
ed at Olympia, London. Pic-  
ture left shows a general view  
of the show on opening day;  
in picture right New Zea-  
lander Marie Dunmore de-  
monstrates the "Baby's Boat-  
ing Survival Cot." This is a  
"life-saving" device for air-  
lines, ships and boats. A  
completely closed-in cot with  
self-erecting hood and canopy.  
It not only floats, but also  
provides protection from  
waves, spray, rain, wind and  
exposure.—Express Photo.

ONASSIS, LEBANON  
DEAL OFF

Beirut, Jan. 8.  
The Board of Directors of the  
Lebanese Oil Company today  
decided to call off an agree-  
ment under which Greek ship-  
owner, Aristotle Onassis, would  
have bought 45,000 new shares  
in the company.

The deal, which would have  
brought the company's capital  
up 6,500,000 Lebanese pounds,  
was concluded last July 27 and  
was to have financed greater  
oil prospecting in Lebanon.

The Board of Directors de-  
cided to seek other groups or  
companies who might replace  
Onassis. The agreement be-  
tween Onassis and the Lebanese  
Oil Company was ratified by  
the Lebanese Parliament on  
December 4.—France-Press.

Practical Jokes  
'War' Between  
Berliners

Berlin, Jan. 8.

The psychological war between East and West  
has entered a new phase in Berlin, with  
Communists and anti-Communists trying to outdo  
each other in elaborate practical jokes.

Forged letters have been sent  
from West Berlin to East Ger-  
many for some years now by  
various anti-Communist or-  
ganisations with the aim of  
undermining and embarrassing  
Communist officials.

But East Berlin seems to have  
taken to retaliating with the  
same coin.

The first sign of the new  
Communist "joke" tactics came  
when Herr Carl-Hubert Sch-  
wenicke, Chairman of the  
Free People's party and an out-  
spoken anti-Communist, was  
celebrating his 50th birthday  
recently.

## 'PRESENTS'

Well-known West Berlin firms  
sent vans to Herr Schwenicke's  
villa with prepared "presents"  
for 50 people, scores of bottles  
of wines, silver-ware and  
various other "presents." Herr  
Schwenicke soon discovered,  
however, that he was expected  
to pay for it all. Each of the  
items had been ordered by tele-  
phone, and the West Berlin  
police believe that this was a  
Communist prank.

In support of their theory  
they cite the delivery soon  
afterwards of five tons of un-  
used coal to the home of an  
official who works for the  
Eastern Bureau of the West  
Berlin Social Democratic party.  
It is this Bureau which has  
reported coal shortages in East  
Germany.

The anti-Communist Investi-  
gation Committee of Free Jurists  
reported in December that  
members of their staff, too, have  
been the victims of various in-  
stances ranging from practical  
jokes to "criminal molestation."  
Funeral wreaths, complete  
luncheons for several people,  
binoculars, compasses and long

knives, all with obvious mean-  
ing, have been sent them for  
cash on delivery, after being  
ordered by telephone.

Serious embarrassment has  
been caused by anonymous  
letters accusing Free Jurists  
officials of a variety of crimes,  
such as adultery, assault, rob-  
bery, blackmail, murder, pro-  
curing and forgery.

The Free Jurists, most of  
whom are former East German  
judicial officials or lawyers,  
devoted to exposing injustices in  
East Germany, claim to have  
the organisation behind these  
tricks. They say that a special  
department was formed for the

## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Sterling Appears  
To Be Saved  
AMPLE MEANS TO  
DEFEND IT

London, Jan. 8.  
Whether or not (as some believe) Britain has sold her birthright to save sterling, it does definitely look saved.

With the IMF's reinforcement of the reserves, Britain has shown her determination to defend it; far more important, the US Treasury has shown that it regards the defence of sterling as a matter of worldwide importance, and ample means to defend it have been provided.

Together, the arrangement with the IMF and the projected borrowing from the US Export-Import Bank just about double the reserves, and cover any possible dollar oil costs several times over.

## Other Ways

At a pinch, the sterling area as a whole could find other ways of augmenting them by as much again. The bears cannot indefinitely argue with that kind of money.

If, as is probable, the IMF arrangement would have sufficed, the Ex-Im Bank loan is redundant. Still more so is the pledging of the British Government's portfolio of dollar securities as collateral for it; that Bank is so accustomed to making political loans that it does not usually bother about collateral.

However, it would look logical, using the Ex-Im money for dollar oil and other such costs as to keep as much as possible of the IMF money in the shop window of the reserves. It might take a fair time to come through. Other countries' regulations with the Ex-Im Bank have been known to take up two years.

## Little Head-Room

Until its flush tax revenue comes in mid-March, the US Treasury has very little head-room left below the ceiling on the national debt.

With them, finding what Britain wants from the Ex-Im Bank, on top of finding the dollars for British and probably also French drawings from the IMF, might take too much of the small remaining margin. It is not that the Ex-Im loan will be incurring some available interest charges so as to pile on the agony for the bears.

As there is no longer even a sporting chance of sterling being devalued within the period of dry forward foreign exchange contract, the bears seem bound to get tired of incurring heavy charges for nothing and seeing the rate run away from them.

Still, the bears are taking a lot of convincing. Making sterling's assurance doubly sure may be good for internal policy.

Once the external position is assured—and, more important, when it is seen to be assured—it will be both necessary and safe to seek ways of taking up the deflationary slack in the internal economy.

## Depressed Areas

At the moment the two most depressed areas, motors and road haulage, could hardly be revived by any monetary means. Short term, the needed trick is not to revive consumer goods in such ways as relaxing the hire purchase restrictions, though that will be a high priority eventually; the outstanding volume of consumer credit in Britain is no longer too high even in the emergency; it is far too low for the longer run.

The more urgent trick is to give a stimulus—perhaps by some general relaxation of the credit squeeze—to divert some underemployed resources into the capital investment that is so desperately needed, emergency or no emergency.

## No Chances

As no chances dare be taken with sterling, the credit squeeze has had to continue, in spite of its being so inappropriate and of its serious impact on investment, industrial output, the balance of payments, and the nation's future.

STANDARD OIL  
EXPLORATION

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Standard Oil Co. of California yesterday announced plans to spend more than 400 million dollars in 1957 for "capital and exploratory purposes in the Western Hemisphere."

This will exceed the record 305 million dollars spent for similar objectives in 1956, according to Board Chairman R. C. Fells.

Mr. Fells said more than 250 million dollars would be spent this year for exploration and development of crude oil producing properties with 75 to 80 per cent to be expended in the US and the rest in Canada and Latin America.

—United Press.

WORLD  
RUBBER  
MARKETS

New York, Jan. 8.  
The rex rubber futures contract today closed 36 to 45 points higher with sales of 350 contracts.

January	35.40
March	35.10-20
May	34.60
July	34.00
September	33.60
November	33.10
January	32.50

Standard contract closed 35 to 45 points higher with no sales reported.

March	33.10
May	32.30
July	31.80
September	31.50
November	31.10
January	30.60

The futures market was featureless with prices moving up slightly on scattered covering which was brought about by the failure of overseas markets to fully reflect yesterday's declines here. Spot No. 1 rubber smoked sheets was indicated nominally at 35 1/2 cents a pound.

March	103 1/2-104
May	103 1/2-104
July	101-101 1/2
September	99 1/2-100
November	98 1/2-99
January	97 1/2-98
Spot rubber unbleached	103 1/2-104
No. 1 pale crepe	122-124

March	5.80
May	5.70
July	5.60
September	5.50
November	5.40
January	5.30
Spot (cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	5.50

—United Press.

New York Sugar  
Market

New York, Jan. 8.  
World No. 4 sugar futures today closed seven to 13 points higher with sales of 850 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar closed three to seven points higher with sales of 322 contracts.

World futures strengthened on heavy trade and commission house buying. The raw world price, according to dealers, was indicated around 5.25 cents a pound, but, today, seven points above yesterday.

The rise in world futures influenced domestic prices which scored good gains. Futures:

March	5.30-51
May	5.20
July	5.10
September	5.00
November	4.90
January	4.80
Spot (cents per lb. fob Cuba)	5.30

—United Press.

New York Cotton  
Futures Fall

New York, Jan. 8.  
Cotton futures fell more than what had been gained gradually for the last four straight sessions today.

At the close, the list ruled three to 21 points lower. The market opened unchanged to 13 points lower. New Orleans closed five points lower.

Most of the day's activity took place in the morning with the new crop months the heavy losers on commission house selling, and nearby deliveries easing on liquidation which offered some trade buying.

The easing of new crop months was attributed to a report from the Department of Agriculture that the Government price supports combined with an export subsidy would be more beneficial to cotton farmers than any other programme that has been used or planned.

Trading quieted down in the afternoon with some contracts holding around their early low levels.

Exports for the season to January 3 were reported at 2,002,737 bales, against 2,000,000 in the like period last season.

The cotton futures market was unchanged at 3,037 bales.

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
March	24,000	41,000
May	10,000	10,000
July	8,000	10,000
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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### THE SHOESHINE

IN a sense, the queues meet in mid-Atlantic, though, one has its start in an office in Mayfair, and the others coil from the counters of shipping agents in hot West Indian islands.

The West Indians see Britain as an island of enchantment; the natives, for various reasons are disenchanted and seek to emigrate. Ships fill, and call, and past each other each loaded to the Pilsnol line with hopes.

On a ship from the West Indies, Mortimer arrived in Britain a few weeks ago.

#### IN AND OUT

MORTIMER is a lean, thoughtful-looking, softly-spoken man of 27, and he came here as most of his countrymen have, in search of work.

He came to London, found lodging in Brixton with compatriots, and within a few hours of arriving was in a job. A few hours more and he was out of it.

Four more jobs followed, in quick succession, and in none did Mortimer settle for more than a few days.

#### PERFECTION

IT was not that he was work-shy. It was more that he was a perfectionist. Somewhere, he knew, a job existed that he could do better than others could. It was towards finding this that he was striving.

Perfectionists do better, of course, if they have a little capital behind them. Mortimer had none, and the day came when he found himself out of work with no job in prospect. His only funds were the £15, unemployment money to which he was entitled.

Some men, so placed, might have grasped at the first job that came in sight, however unsuited to their particular talents.

BRUSH WITH THE LAW  
THIS Mortimer could not bring himself to do. Instead, he took a hard look at himself, seeking to find the reason for his lack of success. He looked himself up and down, from top to toe, and when he got to his toes he knew he need not look further.

His shoes. There lay the trouble. He had not cleaned them in all the weeks he had been in London. With shoes properly shined, employers would queue to give him jobs. Mortimer set out from his lodgings, made for a chain store, and there bought himself a 1s. 6d. shoe brush.

#### CAUGHT

THEN a thought occurred to him. What good was one brush? Two were essential. As he had not the price of another, Mortimer tried to steal a second brush. He was caught and at Bow Street pleaded guilty to the charge.

A policeman told Mortimer's story to Sir Laurence Dunne, and Mortimer said in his own defence: "I was badly in need of that brush, sah."

"Well, look here," Sir Laurence said to him, "we don't like anybody, whatever their colour or nationality, who comes to this country and starts stealing. You'll be discharged conditionally this time."

"Yes, sah," said Mortimer, and he marched off with his head held high—because he went away free, perhaps. Or because he could not bear to lower his eyes and see his dull, lustreless brown shoes.

### Imports Of HK Shirts To Britain Up

Manchester, Jan. 8. Imports of garments into Britain from Hongkong are still on the increase, the garment section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce was told today.

The section chairman, Mr. P. C. Simpson, told the annual meeting that Hongkong imports increased again in the first ten months of 1956. Hongkong now accounted for about 40 per cent of all clothing imports into Britain, he said.

Mr. Simpson said Hongkong competition was most marked in the shirt field. Their average CIF price was about a quarter of the current price for the British article. From January to August last year 579,057 dozen woven shirts were imported from the Colony. This compared with 484,155 dozen in the first eight months of 1955.—Reuter.

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## Draft Resolution On Hungary Before UN

United Nations, Jan. 9.

The United States, France, Britain and nearly 20 other nations tonight presented the Bureau of the United Nations General Assembly with a draft resolution on Hungary.

The resolution, which will be examined tomorrow by the General Assembly, calls for the creation of a five-nation committee to investigate the situation in Hungary by all possible means.

It was also announced today that the Hungarian delegation would not take part in this General Assembly debate on Hungary.

The Hungarian delegation left the Assembly in December in protest against the "interference" of the United Nations in Hungarian internal affairs. Later, the Hungarian Government announced in Budapest that the delegation would return to its place in the Assembly. Nevertheless, the delegation did not return to the Assembly when its session resumed on January 2.

#### THE PROPOSALS

The text of the draft resolution proposes that a special five-nation committee be charged with establishing and maintaining means of direct observation in Hungary and elsewhere. The committee should collate witnesses, reports and other information and report its findings to the General Assembly at the present session and subsequently.

The resolution requests Hungary and the Soviet Union to co-operate with the Committee in every way, in particular in allowing its members to enter and travel freely within Hungary.

If calls upon all member states of the United Nations to do everything possible to aid the committee in its task, particularly by handing on any information they possess. It also calls upon all member nations to put into effect the previous resolutions voted by the Assembly on the Hungarian question—concerning the withdrawal of Soviet troops, the admission of United Nations observers and the halting of deportations.

The resolution finally reiterates the Assembly's request that the Secretary-General, Dr. Dag Hammarskjöld, take all measures he deems useful concerning the Hungarian problem.—France-Press.

### Drive Against Refugees

Budapest, Jan. 8. Hungarians are being daily taken off trains in raids by police and Communist militia under a new drive by the Soviet-backed government to stem the flow of refugees to the West. It was learned today.

Many passengers were closely questioned about their destinations or the amount of money they carried.

Observers said the new measures were making it increasingly difficult to leave Hungary illegally.

The official Communist Party organ, Nepszabadsag, told today of one instance in which 180 suspected escapees including aged women and others carrying small children were taken off a train by police at a small station about 12 miles west of Budapest. They were returned to Budapest and most of them freed. The others were detained.

Officials of the Budapest passport office said today that owing to pressure of applications for passports priority was being given to artists, sportsmen and others with semi-official business abroad.—China Mail Special.

### 10 CHINESE TO BE DEPORTED

Manila, Jan. 9. Ten Chinese Communist suspects, detained by the Army intelligence for the past seven years, will be deported on Friday to Formosa, the Foreign Affairs Department announced yesterday.

While the Department did not release the names of the deportees it admitted that they were part of hundreds of Chinese rounded up by the Army in 1949 for suspected Communist subversion.—France-Press.

### "Inquisition" Of Actress Charge

Los Angeles, Jan. 8.

Police said today they wanted signed statements from actress Marie McDonald and others whom she telephoned after saying she was kidnapped last week.

The names included that of Michael Wilding, the British actor who had been Miss McDonald's recent escort.

Miss McDonald's lawyer meanwhile protested that the actress was being subjected to an "inquisition" by police. The lawyer, Mr. Jerry Lester, said they should stop it and get on with "a legitimate investigation."

Mr. Lester said: "It seems strange to me that the police have not sent out squads of men to find the evidence in this case instead of subjecting Miss McDonald to an inquisition as though they didn't believe her."

The Los Angeles police chief, Mr. William Parker replied: "All we are trying to do is to ascertain the truth. This case is being treated as a bona fide kidnapping and we are investigating it vigorously."—Reuter.

### BABY BORN ON PLANE

Honolulu, Jan. 8. Two stewardesses "played it by ear" early today as they delivered a baby aboard a Transocean airliner en route from San Francisco to Honolulu.

The delivery, in the delivery room of the plane, was assisted by the commander of the plane, Walker Lawton, and the stewardesses, Alice Martinez and Lorraine Mikoski, for their cool performance.

"They did a terrific job," said Lawton, who appeared unmoved by the experience. The mother, Mrs. Lillian Palen of Honolulu, and her son were reported doing well in Kapiolani maternity hospital here.

Lawton broke the news of the emergency with a frantic radio message: "We're having a baby—get a doctor, quick!"

Dr. Robert H. called to the airport control tower. He radioed instructions to Lawton, who relayed them to the stewardesses.

Miss Mikoski admitted she was "pretty shook" when Mrs. Palen announced that her fifth child would change the passenger list from 54 to 55.

Kapiolani Hospital reported that the baby was born prematurely, weighing under five pounds.—United Press.

### European Injured

A private car knocked down and injured a European, Mr. C. M. Fure, in Kennedy Road near Queen's Road East, at about 10 a.m. yesterday.

Mr. Fure, who resides at 67 Leighton Road, top floor, is now receiving treatment in Queen Mary Hospital.

### Water Main Bursts

A water main burst near the junction of the Garden Road and Queen's Road East at about 9 this morning, and PWD workers were quickly put on repairs.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



## Accused Testifies In Wounding & Conspiracy Case

Chau Fuk-ling, alias Chau Fuk-sang, 36, tailor, who is jointly charged with three others with wounding and conspiracy, gave a statement from the dock in his own defence before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The four accused are Yiu Yun, 51, earth cooler; Chau Fuk-ling; Chan Man, 38, earth cooler; and Cheung Lam-tai, 32, earth cooler.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Divisional Detective Inspector W. E. Thomas.

The accused are alleged to have wounded several folk of the Lung Wah Teahouse, near the Tai Hang Tung Resettlement Area, with knives and choppers, on the morning of September 7 last year.

Chau Fuk-ling said in evidence that that morning he was asleep in his shop in Kowloon Teal when a friend visited him. Together they went to a medicine shop to buy some dried chrysanthemums. Then they went to the Lung Wah Teahouse for tea.

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Second accused said he scolded the folk for being impolite. An argument arose and the folk accused him of being a mouse.

The folk put a kettle of hot water on the table in such a way that some water scalded his (accused's) foot.

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## Gold Bars Case: Claimant Cross-Examined

Lo Yuk-ting, 47, who claimed ownership of 47 gold bars, the subject of charges of fraudulent conversion and larceny against G. O. Jones, manager of the Lantau Development Co., was cross-examined this morning by Defence Counsel, Mr J. R. Oliver, when the case continued before Judge K. R. Macfee at the District Court.

Witness replied: "What is the intention of this question. I had the money to do my business. Never asked where I get the money from."

Mr Oliver asked witness: Was speculation in US dollars by you in Hongkong taken out of money remitted for Canton via Macao before "Liberation"?

Witness replied: "What is the intention of this question. I had the money to do my business. Never asked where I get the money from."

Mr Oliver: Have you not remitted any more money to Hongkong through the bank in Macao since "Liberation"?

From Macao, yes, through a bank.

When was the last time?—About seven or eight months ago.

Why did you not have the gold sent through the bank?—The bank did not remit gold.

Did you take steps to find out if the bank would remit gold to Hongkong for you?—I knew before nobody remitted gold bars to Hongkong.

HAD NO CASH  
Is there any reason the vessel should be paid for in gold bars?—When Sin Tun came for money I had then no cash. I had gold bars. Sin said it would be all right to purchase a boat with gold bars.

When did you purchase the gold bars?—Some time in November last year.

Why do you change cash into gold?—Because I seldom keep money. I keep gold.

So I now understand you make a regular practice of keeping gold?—Yes, I keep gold.

What do you do with the gold?—I keep them.

Asked how much gold he had on the night of November 9 last year, what he had given to Sin Tun, witness replied: "I had some, but I do not want to tell you how much."

"DID NOT KNOW"  
Mr Oliver put it to witness that he was a man of standing. He knew how to remit money to Hongkong through the bank. Why did he not come to Hongkong to buy the boat?

Witness said he did not know about the purchase of boats in Hongkong.

Mr Oliver suggested to witness that he was aware that if gold was taken into Hongkong he had to pay tax. Witness said he did not know that.

Mr Oliver suggested that the story of an intention to purchase a boat in Hongkong was untrue.

"It is true," said witness.

Mr Oliver further suggested that witness and his friend Sin Tun had every intention of defrauding the Customs of the gold in Hongkong.

Witness: No.

Mr Oliver further suggested that it was for this reason that witness did not take the gold to Hongkong himself. Witness replied that that was not so.

Asked if he had requested Sin Tun to conceal the gold when it was handed to him in Macao, witness said he had not.

Asked why he had not made use of money he had with his brother who was in Hongkong to buy the boat, witness said that that money did not amount to much.

Hearing continues.

### REQUIEM MASS

A Requiem Mass was held this morning in St. Joseph's Church for the repose of the soul of Dr. Joseph Karaman, 40, of the Swiss Consular Service, who died on Christmas Eve in Penang as a result of a heart attack.

Father L. Lofanyi officiated. Many people attended the Mass including members of the Consular Corps in Hongkong.

### CORRECTION

The Lantau Development Company Limited

It is regretted that a serious error occurred in the reporting of the opening speech of Mr D. E. Greenfield in the prosecution of G. O. Jones on a charge of fraudulent conversion.

The report was published in this newspaper on January 7, 1957.

Mr Greenfield in his opening speech did not state "defendant operated the Lantau Development Co., Ltd., whose principal premises were on Lantau Island. Defendant's principal activities in connection with this company were forestry. The Defendant also operated on hire or verbal charter a motor junk about 40 feet long running between Hongkong and Macao."

Mr Greenfield informed the Court that "The Defendant operated the principal business of the Lantau Development Co., Ltd. at the northern end of Lantau Island. The Defendant's principal activities in connection with this company were forestry. The Defendant also operated on hire or verbal charter a motor junk about 40 feet long running between Hongkong and Macao."

We are satisfied that the Lantau Development Co., Ltd. had no interest whatsoever in the vessel concerned nor did it operate it.

In making this correction, we tender our apologies to Lantau Development Co., Ltd. and regret any inconvenience or distress caused by our reporting error.

### Bound Over

The Police said in Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning they believed Wan Chung-kee, 30, to be a member of a Triad society and concerned in a threat to assault a Chinese male.

Mr T. L. Yang, the Magistrate, was asked by Sub-Inspector Alcock for an order to bind the defendant over to keep the peace.

The application was granted and defendant was bound over in the sum of \$500 for two years and placed under the police supervision for a further two years.

The police, acting on information, arrested defendant at 3 p.m. on January 7 at Baker Street near Cooke Street.

### Suspects Detained

Cash was stolen from a Chinese woman in Poplar Street at about 9 a.m. yesterday. A suspect has been detained by the Police.

At about the same time, a woman walking in Fook Wah Street, had cash stolen from her pocket. The Police are holding a suspect in connection with this offence.

### Man Assaulted

A Chinese received head injuries at about 7 p.m. yesterday when he was attacked by another man, armed with a chopper, at No. 305 Des Voeux Road, West, third floor.

The assault took place after a quarrel. The injured man is receiving treatment in Queen Mary Hospital while the alleged assailant is being held by the Police.